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2007 Annual Report

Town of
Bethlehem
New Hampshire



The police car garage is demolished.
October 29, 2006



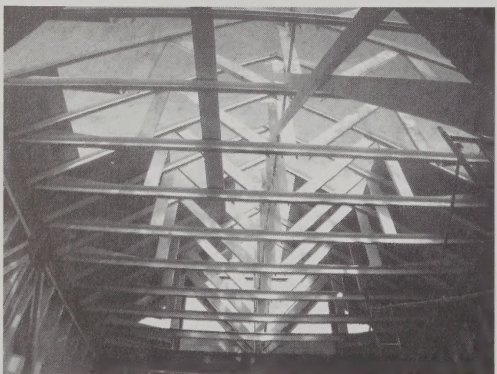
The steel frame for the tower begins.
February 9, 2007



The third floor fire escape is removed.
February 9, 2007



The secondary stairwell is assembled.
February 9, 2007



The roof joists get covered with sheathing.
February 26, 2007



The outside of the steel frame is sided.
February 26, 2007

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Daniel Tucker	(2010)
Harold Friedman	(2010)
Jeanne Robillard	(2009)
Lon Weston	(2008)
Cassandra Laleme (Resigned 09/07)	(2008)
Judy Wallace (Interim from 12/07)	(2008)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cheryl Sargent

TOWN CLERK

Casey Bonilla, Interim (2008)

TREASURER

Nancy Dickowski (2010)

TAX COLLECTOR

Claudia Brown (2010)

MODERATOR

Alistair MacBain (2008)

POLICE CHIEF

Eric Lougee

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Jeanne Robillard

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jack Anderson

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Brian Charland

2ND ASSISTANT CHIEF

Laura Lucas

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

John Miller	(2010)
Donald Lavoie	(2009)
Joel Goodell	(2008)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Annette Marquis	(2012)
Lana Tibbets	(2010)
Barbara Waites	(2008)

LIBRARIAN

Annette Marquis

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Patricia Bonardi	(2010)	Joyce Tucker	(2009)
Elizabeth Harrington	(2010)	Jonathan Wright	(2008)
Jean Wedick	(2010)	Jannifer Kotok	(2008)
Florence Houghton	(2009)	Alna Strell	(2008)
Rhoda Lyster	(2009)		

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Ernest Ferland
Richard Robie Sr.
Paul Hudson

REVOLVING LOAN COMMITTEE

Len Reed
Peter Thoma
Ronny Lyster

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marilyn Johnson	Kevin Morse
David Pelletier	Christopher Jensen
A. Michael Santos	Cheryl Jensen

BRETZELDER PARK COMMITTEE

Nancy Czarny	Al MacBain
Ann Gruczka	Nigel Manley
Marilyn Johnson	Liz Carter

Tanya Tellman

PLANNING / ZONING BOARD ASSISTANT

Dianne Lambert

PLANNING BOARD

John Seely, Chair	(4/09)
Roland Shick, Vice Chair	(6/08)
Dan Inghram	(6/08)
Bill Jealous	(4/09)
Dan Webb	(6/09)
Lon Weston,	(3/08)
Mike Ritter	(5/08)
Erin Woo, 1 st Alternate	(6/08)
Matt MacKinnon, 2 nd Alternate	(6/09)

ZONING BOARD

Kevin Morse, Chair	(6/09)
Roland Shick, Swing Member from PB, Vice Chair	(6/09)
Kurt Hohmeister	(6/07)
George Foss, III	(11/08)
Douglas Paul, 1 st Alternate	(6/08)
Alecia Loveless, 2 nd	Alternate(6/09)
Ruth Heniz, 4 th Alternate	(8/10)

AMENDMENT RESULTS OF THE 2007 DELIBERATIVE SESSION AND BALLOT RESULTS OF THE 2007 ELECTION

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bethlehem, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Moderator Alistair D. MacBain called the Deliberative Session to order at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2007 at the Bethlehem Elementary School to discuss and make amendments to the 2007 Warrant Articles 6-24. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. (Amendments below in bold: Article 7 & 16. Article 7 was amended by \$12,500, to put total operating budget up to \$2,366,116.00 and Article 16's wording was amended).

Moderator Alistair D. MacBain declared the polls open at 8:00a.m on March 13, 2007 at the Bethlehem Highway Garage to vote by ballots Article 1-24. Moderator Alistair D. MacBain declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. (results shown below)

A re-count of Article 13 was held at the Bethlehem Public Library March 20, 2007. (Results below)

Attendance of February 5, 2007 Deliberative Session: Moderator: Alistair MacBain, Town Clerk: Tandy Brown, Selectmen: Weston Griffith, Sr., Cassandra Laleme, Willard Lucas, Jeanne Robillard, Lon Weston.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

Selectmen (three year term vote for two)

Harold Friedman	-430 elected
Weston H. Griffith, Sr.	-261
Willard "Butch" Lucas	-251
Daniel Tucker	-515 elected

Treasurer (three year term-vote for 1)

Nancy Dickowski	-676 elected
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Town Clerk (three-year term-vote for 1)

Tandy Brown	-460 elected
Shari Stafford	-299

Tax Collector (three-year term-vote for 1)

Claudia Brown	-647
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Supervisor of the Checklist (five year term-vote for 1)

Annette L. Marquis	-667 elected
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Library Trustees (three year term-vote for 3)

Patricia A. Bonardi	-508 elected
Marjorie Bruce	-270
Elizabeth Harriganton	-461 elected

Ned Johnson
Jean Wedick

-215
-307 elected

Trustee of the Trust Fund (three-year term-vote for 1)

John Miller

- 666 elected

Part A. Zoning Article

Article 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article XIV, Floodplain Development, to include changes suggested by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to clarify that where ordinances conflict, the more stringent will apply; and to prohibit construction within designated Regulatory Floodways unless it is demonstrated that the proposed construction will not result in any increase in flood levels and will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot.

BALLOT RESULT	YES 560	NO 167
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Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article II (H), General Provision: Parking Requirements, to provide specific parking requirements for Districts I, II, III, and IV, and to provide no parking requirements for District I-Main Street where there are parking requirements for District I-Main Street in the Site Plan Review Regulations.

BALLOT RESULT	YES 429	NO 284
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Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: rewrite Article XVIII (B) to revise the requirements for the issuance of special exceptions, such that special exceptions may be granted only if: the specific site is an appropriate location for the proposal in relation to surrounding properties; the proposal will be compatible with adjoining land uses and with the character of the surrounding neighborhood; the proposal will not generate substantial amounts of noise, odor, or create substantial increase in traffic; the proposal will not create any other nuisance or hazard; and the proposal will be in harmony with surrounding properties and consistent with the spirit and intent of this ordinance.

BALLOT RESULT	YES 496	NO 226
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Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: rewrite Article X(C) to revise the requirements for the issuance of special exceptions for condominium conversions, such that special exceptions for condominium conversions may be granted only if, in addition to meeting the requirements for special exceptions set forth in Article XVIII (B), the applicant also demonstrates that adequate waste disposal and water supply facilities can be provided; adequate off-street parking is provided; and adequate provisions for fire safety have been provided, including, but not limited to, fire escapes, fire detectors, and sprinkler systems.

BALLOT RESULT **YES 532** **NO 188**

Part B. Bond Articles

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$99,000.00** for the purpose of financing ongoing and new items of construction work on the Bethlehem Town Building including (I) all work necessary to bring the Town Building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirement and the current life safety codes; and (II) exterior repairs to the historic structure: **\$99,000.** of which to come through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation* (3/5 vote required).

Selectman Lon Weston made a motion to open Article 6 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Sandy Laleme.

With no amendment make, Article 6 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT **YES 549** **NO 185**

Article 7: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other Appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth therein, totaling **\$2,366,116.** Should this article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be **\$ 2,314,001**; which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the local governing body may hold one Special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Note: This Operating Budget does not include appropriations in any other Warrant Articles.

Selectman Lon Weston made the motion to open Article 7 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Sandy Laleme.

AMENDMENT MADE: Tanya Tellman made a motion to amend Article 7. Seconded by Steve Huntington. The motion made was to increase the operating budget by \$12,500. Stating that having the town mapped by the GIS System would be very beneficial. It was discussed that \$12,500.00 would be the initial cost but there would be annual maintenance fees of roughly \$2,500.00 a year to update Cartographic. After much discussion, the amendment passed by majority vote. The total operating budget was amended from 4 2,353,616.00 to \$ 2,366,116.00.

Lon Weston made the motion to restrict reconsideration of the article under RSA 40-10. Seconded by Tandy Brown. A hand vote was taken, motion passed to restrict reconsideration of Article 7.

BALLOT RESULT **YES 467** **NO 258**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000.00** for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment, free to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2007.

Selectman Butch Lucas made a motion to open Article 8 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Sandy Laleme.

After small discussion and no amendments made, Article 8 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES 465	NO 269
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Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Police Cruiser previously established. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Selectman Sandy Laleme made a motion to open Article 9 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Butch Lucas.

After small discussion and no amendments made, Article 9 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES 531	NO 203
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Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000.00** to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Highway Dump Truck previously established. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Selectman Weston Griffith, Sr. made a motion to open Article 10 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Butch Lucas.

After small discussion and no amendments made, Article 10 will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,032.50** to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Town Buildings Maintenance previously established. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Selectman Sandy Laleme made a motion to open Article 11 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Butch Lucas.

After Selectman Sandy Laleme explained the article and no amendments were made, Article 11 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES 555	NO 179
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Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Prospect Street Bridge, previously established. *The Select Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)*

Selectman Weston Griffith, Sr. made a motion to open Article 12 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Butch Lucas.

After Selectman Sandy Laleme explained the article and no amendments made, Article 12 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed

YES 532

NO 199

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the flat sum of **\$3,600.00** for the purpose of videotaping the Select Board's meetings, SB2 hearings, and several other Town events. This sum is to cover all labor and materials. The contract is to be awarded as the result of a selection process determined by the Selectmen.

Selectman Butch Lucas made a motion to open Article 13 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Jeanne Robillard.

After small discussion John Stevenson made a motion to move the Article. Seconded by Clare Brown. With no amendments made, Article 13 will appear on the ballot as written.

**BALLOT RESULT-tied
(Re-count result-failed)**

**YES 368
YES**

**NO 368
NO**

Article 14: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the purpose of contributing to the Littleton Regional Hospital.

Selectman Butch Lucas made the motion to open Article 14 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Sandy Laleme.

Laura Lucas and Tanya Tellman ask for more explanation of the article. Debra Payne questioned why the town is supporting a large business. After an explanation and a small amount of discussion, no amendments were made. Article 14 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-failed

YES 355

NO 372

Article 15: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the purpose of erecting a Gazebo Storage Shed.

Selectman Butch Lucas made a motion to open Article 15 for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Jeanne Robillard.'

After small discussion of sizing details and what the shed would be used for, no amendments were made. Article 15 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-failed

YES 291

NO 452

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$40,000.00** for the purpose of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the creation of a Recycle/Transfer Station, with said funds to come from the Fund-Solid Waste Disposal – Special Revenue Fund; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (This will not have an effect on the Tax Rate.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Selectman Lon Weston made a motion to open the article for discussion. Seconded by Sandy Laleme.

AMENDMENT MADE: After a small amount of discussion, Annette Marquis made a motion to remove & add wording to the above article. Seconded by Steve Huntington Before amended, Article 16 read: *"To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the creation of a*

Article 21: To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Bethlehem. The actions include:

- 1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. Economy.
- 2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Bethlehem encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. *(By Petition)*

Selectman Lon Weston made a motion to open the article for discussion. Seconded by Tanya Tellman.

With no discussion, Article 21 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES	434	NO	210
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Article 22: To see if the voters will vote to change the position of Town Road Agent from a hired position to an elected position and for that position to carry a 2-year term. *(By Petition)*

Selectman Lon Weston made a motion to open the article for discussion. Seconded by Selectman Jeanne Robillard.

With no discussion, Article 22 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES	375	NO	270
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Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to prohibit any person convicted of a misdemeanor or felony against a municipality from serving as a Town Employee. *(By Petition)*

Selectman Lon Weston made a motion to open the article for discussion. Seconded by Jeanne Robillard.

Laura Lucas questioned the legality of this article. Select Chair Sandy Laleme answered that the board contacted LGC (the Local Government Center) regarding this and the LGC had stated that this article was not legal. The LGC stated that a recommendation could be made but the recommendations are not legal binding.

With no amendments made, Article 23 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES	531	NO	288
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Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to prohibit any person convicted of a misdemeanor or felony against a municipality from serving as an appointed member of a

Town Board. *(By Petition)*

Selectman Jeanne Robillard made a motion to open the article for discussion.
Seconded by Selectman Sandy Laleme.

With no discussion, Article 24 will appear on the ballot as written.

BALLOT RESULT-passed	YES 371	NO 273
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Respectfully Submitted,
Tandy Brown, Town Clerk

(Deliberative Session can be viewed on video located in Library or by cassette tape).

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

205-122	L/B Info Booth	1.48 AC	\$ 186,600.00
206-035	L/B Town Hall, Land and Building	.59 AC	496,900.00
204-043-001	L/O Strawberry Hill Reservoir	53.50 AC	129,800.00
204-043-002	L/B Town Water Supply	5.34 AC	1,071,100.00
414-005	L/O Prospect St. Dump	24.00 AC	79,600.00
414-009	BVD	38.90 AC	1,182,200.00
414-011	BVD	.14 AC	19,900.00
414-012	BVD	3.22 AC	44,300.00
203-001	B/O Highway Garage		<u>145,500.00</u>

Total	\$3,169,900.00
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COUNTRY CLUB

203-001	B/O BCC Country Club		505,300.00
203-001	L/O Prospect Street	102.00 AC	216,800.00
203-017	L/O Prospect Street	33.00 AC	414,400.00
203-018	L/O Prospect Street	4.70 AC	141,300.00
203-019	L/O Prospect Street	1.00 AC	90,000.00
203-034	L/O Pleasant Street	15.70 AC	<u>65,500.00</u>

Total Country Club	\$1,433,300.00
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PARKS AND RECREATION

203-021	L/B Gazebo	1.94 AC	50,100.00
203-025	L/B Tennis Courts	1.20 AC	80,600.00
205-120	L/O Playground Main/Agassiz	4.16 AC	99,400.00
206-027	L/O Elm Street (Little League)	7.80 AC	62,700.00
206-036	L/B Town Pool	1.50 AC	<u>109,700.00</u>

Total Parks and Recreation	\$402,500.00
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CEMETERIES

203-003	L/O N/S Main Street "Cemetery"	1.20 AC	0.00
206-051	L/O Off Cemetery Street (Gift)	.41 AC	0.00
206-056	L/O Maple Street(Gift)	2.60 AC	0.00
206-057	L/O Maple Street	6.50 AC	0.00
404-014	L/O Brook Road	2.90 AC	<u>0.00</u>

Total Cemeteries	\$ 0.00
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SCHOOLS

206-015	L/B BES	3.28 AC	1,516,100.00
402-025	L/B Profile	17.99 AC	2,618,900.00
402-021	L/O Profile	5.53 AC	<u>48,200.00</u>

Total Schools **\$4,183,200.00**

RAILROADS – STATE OF NH

209-026	L/O Trudeau Road	3.70 AC	6,300.00
209-058-001	L/O River Road	7.20 AC	12,200.00
416-008	L/O off Route 116	6.40 AC	10,900.00
419-015	L/O Trudeau Road	9.90 AC	<u>16,800.00</u>

Total Railroads **\$ 46,200.00**

MISCELLANEOUS – STATE OF NH

209-067	L/O Main Street	.67 AC	35,300.00
209-071	L/O Main Street	.05 AC	100.00
420-032	L/O Main Street/Route 302	4.60 AC	<u>46,600.00</u>

Total Misc. – State of NH **\$ 82,000.00**

MISCELLANEOUS

401-035	L/O Gilmanton Hill (Spring)	1.01 AC	<u>40,600.00</u>
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Total Miscellaneous **\$ 40,600.00**

DEEDED PROPERTIES

205-037	L/O Harrigan Street	.15 AC	\$ 5,700.00
205-037-001	L/O Harrigan Street	.10 AC	200.00
206-018	L/B Main Street	3.20 AC	98,500.00
206-029	L/O W/S Elm Street	1.20 AC	40,800.00
206-029-001	L/O W/S Elm Street	3.10 AC	44,100.00
206-063-001	L/O Elm Street	24.70 AC	80,800.00
403-020	L/O Caswell Heights Off I-93	0.04 AC	100.00
404-032-001	L/O Railroad Street	0.53 AC	32,900.00
405-081	L/B Cherry Valley Road	12.75 AC	65,900.00
413-041	L/O Mt. View Lane	2.20 AC	42,500.00
414-008	L/O Off Maple Street N/S	38.00 AC	103,400.00
416-003	L/O Whitefield Road	64.53 AC	148,500.00
416-028	L/O Maple Street	1.20 AC	2,900.00
420-024	L/O Main Street	.11 AC	2,100.00
420-025	L/O Main Street	.05 AC	<u>1,600.00</u>

Total Land and Buildings **\$ 670,000.00**

OWNERS UNKNOWN

203-030	L/O Pine Street	.41 AC	\$ 29,500.00
203-075	L/O Evergreen Lane	.38 AC	28,800.00
204-055-001	L/O Arlington Street	.72 AC	0.00
205-048	L/O Doris Street	.13 AC	5,400.00
206-055	L/O Maple Street	.67 AC	0.00
207-020	L/O Other End Road	.58 AC	7,400.00
209-079	L/O River Road	.07 AC	1,600.00
209-080	L/O River Road	2.20 AC	60,500.00
414-007	L/O Prospect Street	14.70 AC	25,000.00
417-006	L/O Whitefield Town Line	2.70 AC	4,600.00
419-050	L/O Off Route 302	4.50 AC	4,500.00
419-051	L/O Off Route 302	.90 AC	900.00
Total Unknown			\$ 168,200.00

TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**RELIGIOUS**

203-051	All Souls Durell Methodist Church	.85 AC	\$ 28,200.00
203-052	United Methodist Church	.35 AC	275,800.00
204-049	Congregation Machzikai Hadath	.61 AC	163,100.00
204-073	Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation	.44 AC	354,200.00
205-177	Christ the King Catholic Church	2.20 AC	429,100.00
207-002	Episcopal Church	20.00 AC	359,200.00
207-007	Our Lady of the Fairways	.11 AC	100.00
405-042	Assembly of God	2.50 AC	766,000.00
415-017-002	Assembly of God	5.00 AC	99,500.00
416-051	Bethlehem Christian Center	91.50 AC	142,275.00
Total Religious			\$2,617,475.00

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

203-047-1-11	B/O WREN		183,400.00
207-005	Friendship House	5.85 AC	509,100.00
403-012	Burch House	14.70 AC	353,700.00
412-017	B/O Copper Cannon		307,400.00
Total Non-Profit Organizations			1,353,600.00

FOREST

210-016	USA	109.00 AC	185,300.00
401-018	N.E. Forestry	80.00 AC	174,800.00
412-022-002	USA	210.36 AC	357,600.00
413-058	NH - Cushman	26.00 AC	44,200.00
422-003	USA-Gale River	50.38 AC	124,400.00
422-004	US Forest Service	342.00 AC	581,400.00
422-005	US Forest Service	31,125.00 AC	42,468,000.00
Total Forest			\$43,935,700.00

FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	ASSESSMENT	EXEMPTION
White Mountain School	<u>\$ 4,456,640.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,591,225.00</u>
Total For-Profit Organizations	\$4,456,640.00	\$2,591,225.00

PILOT

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES

		Assessed Value	Payment
NFI North, Inc.	1.90 AC	\$ 225,600.00	\$ 4,000.00
SPNHF	1,326.50 AC	<u>729,040.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Total		\$954,640.00	\$12,000.00

SUMMARY - INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Current Use Land	\$ 2,189,833.00	
Residential Land	75,053,500.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>8,764,500.00</u>	
Total Taxable Land		\$ 86,007,833.00
Residential Building	141,181,700.00	
Manufactured Housing	2,203,400.00	
Commercial/Industrial Building	<u>21,478,515.00</u>	
Total Taxable Buildings		\$ 164,861,615.00
Public Utilities		5,375,555.00
Valuation Before Exemptions		\$ 256,245,003.00
Blind Exemptions	-0-	
Adjusted Elderly Exemptions	948,900.00	
School Exemption	<u>150,000.00</u>	
Total Exemptions Off Valuation		(1,098,900.00)
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed		\$ 255,146,103.00
Less the A list utilities		(5,145,155.00)
Net Valuation Without Utilities On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax is Computed		\$ 250,000,948.00

Notes

Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans	\$ 24,000.00
War Service Credits	\$ 76,000.00
Tax Exempt Land & Buildings	\$ 61,969,022.00

TAX RATE ON \$1,000.00 VALUATION

Municipal	\$ 5.49
County	1.34
Schools	14.93
State	2.38
Total	\$24.14

Village District.....2.30

TOTAL.....\$26.44

Net Assessed Valuation -\$

Net Assessed Valuation - Village District\$

<u>Year</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total Town</u>	<u>Total Precinct</u>
1988	4.13	.63	11.23	.79		16.15	16.78
1989	2.79	2.03	10.72	1.24		14.75	16.78
1990	3.41	2.48	13.91	1.12		18.44	20.92
1991	2.87	2.45	15.28	1.01		19.16	21.61
1992	4.19	2.23	16.87	1.12		22.18	24.41
1993	4.16	2.15	17.04	1.06		22.26	24.41
1994	4.98	2.47	18.13	1.15		24.26	26.73
1995	4.71	2.74	19.64	1.24		25.59	28.33
1996	3.27	2.69	20.85	1.12		25.24	27.93
1997	3.46	2.69	20.74	1.25		25.45	28.14
1998	6.78	1.41	27.22	1.56		25.45	28.14
1999	8.62	1.32	12.64	1.67	7.25	30.18	31.50
2000	12.98	1.16	15.53	1.78	7.30	37.59	38.75
2001	5.21	1.15	15.21	1.96	7.71	30.09	31.24
2002	5.21	1.84	17.23	1.86	6.41	31.30	33.14
2003	5.80	3.27	18.97	2.36	6.03	33.16	36.43
2004	3.60	2.10	12.58	1.28	2.84	20.10	22.40
2005	3.59	1.85	12.71	1.30	2.51	20.11	21.96
2006	3.86	2.33	13.28	1.22	2.34	20.70	23.03
2007	5.49	2.30	14.93	1.34	2.38	24.14	26.44

TREASURER'S REPORT

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

General Fund Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2007	\$ 1,288,751.92
Total Receipts	10,384,563.35
Total Expenditures	<u>10,044,485.40</u>
Ending Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2007	\$1,628,829.87

OTHER ACCOUNTS HELD @ Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

Bethlehem Country Club – Savings	\$ 14,998.87
Bethlehem Country Club – Checking	76,223.44
Landfill (Solid Waste Disposal)	58,899.37
Ambulance - Savings	149.27
Conservation Commission - Savings	3,296.18

BOND ACCOUNTS HELD @ Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank

Szackmary	\$ 5,104.40
Simard	3,330.73
Cersosimo	10,269.30
HHP, Inc.	19,962.01
Bear Paw	2,294.62
Stoney's Masonry & Gravel	7,622.15
A&B Logging	8,714.26
Timber Resource	5,682.95
Rumford Paper	4,762.27

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Revolving Loan Fund	\$120,363.22
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Please note the above account balances are reconciled through December 31, 2007 with their respective bank statements, but are subject to change based on the annual municipal audit.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Dickowski, Treasurer

FUND BALANCE – DECEMBER 2007

Source of Funds

Unaudited Balance January 1, 2007		\$1,288,751.92
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$301,283.73	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	56,210.00	
After School (Recreation Program)	18,032.73	
NSF Recreation Program Collected	25.00	
Summer Program	23,924.75	
Recreation Department Reimbursement		
For Tee Shirts	620.00	
NSF After School/Summer	(1,033.00)	
Tax Collector	6,792,901.96	
Tax Collector – NSF/Stop		
Payment Checks	(16,876.36)	
Tax Collector NSF Checks		
Redeposited	12,586.82	
Tax Collector – Deposit Adjustments	.10	
Town Clerk	362,699.20	
Town Clerk – NSF Checks	(2,530.50)	
Town Clerk – NSF Checks		
Redeposited	1,551.00	
Town Clerk – NSF Fees Collected	30.00	
Town Clerk – Deposit Adjustments	112.00	
Reimbursement –		
Bethlehem Country Club	317,724.71	
Reimbursement – Ambulance Fund	13,816.49	
Owes GF \$26,474.28 for 2007 Expenses		
Reimbursement – Landfill (Solid Waste)	63,944.56	
Reimbursement – Revolving Loan Fund		
Comfort Station	12,194.48	
Trustees of the Trust Funds Proceeds	169,808.39	
TAN Advance	1,450,000.00	
Advance of ADA Loan	774,250.00	
Interest Earned	33,287.29	
		<u>\$10,384,563.35</u>
Total		\$11,673,315.27

Use of Funds

Payroll	612,069.71
Payroll Taxes	173,410.42
Accounts Payable Net	7,761,370.15
Overdraft Fees	225.00
Service Charge	949.50
Wire Transfer Fees	25.00
NSF Check Fees	224.00
Bank Error	.50
Annual Payment Cemetery Loan	8,424.24

Annual Payment Storage Tank Loan	14,522.63		
TAN Principal Repayment	1,450,000.00		
Interest on TAN	14,856.87		
Loan Fees	250.00		
Interest on ADA Construction Loan	8,157.38		
Total		10,044,485.40	<u>10,044,485.40</u>

Unaudited Fund Balance – December 2007	\$1,628,829.87
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2007 FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER

Bethlehem Country Club

Source of Funds

Unaudited Balance January 1, 2007			\$ 75,403.31
Memberships	\$ 78,031.35		
Corp	19,397.00		
Green Fees	54,498.00		
Golf Carts	36,262.50		
Innkeepers	25,669.00		
Discount Cards & Coupons	31,591.50		
Siesta	2,206.00		
10 Ride	12,733.40		
Pro Shop	14,900.93		
Snacks	4,039.65		
Restaurant	28,482.11		
Liquor	11,960.77		
Tournaments	8,291.00		
PunchBoard	2,061.25		
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,205.12		
GHIN	2,108.00		
Interest	802.05		
Returned check-NSF	(14.00)		
Reimbursement – telephone expense	505.98		
Deposit correction net	(0.70)	339,730.91	
Total			\$415,134.22

Use of Funds

Club House Expenses	120,379.93		
Course Expenses	152,129.09		
Restaurant/Liquor	44,219.82		
Bank Charges - Credit Card	3,964.20		
NH State Rooms & Meals Tax	3,218.87		
Transfer GF Correction		323,911.91	
Total			\$323,911.91

Unaudited Fund Balance - December 31, 2007	\$ 91,222.31
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2007 FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER
Landfill (Solid Waste Disposal)

Source of Funds

Unaudited Balance January 1, 2007		\$ 55,673.94
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Money In - Pay Per Bag	\$47,936.70		
Bulky Waste	5,828.00		
Tires	352.00		
Construction Debris	10,744.50		
Waste not in Bags	0.00		
Bethlehem Bags Sold at Landfill	1,875.00		
Interest Earned	433.79	67,169.99	

Total		\$122,843.93
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Use of Funds

Gatekeeper Salary	15,180.70		
Payroll Taxes	1,161.52		
Health Insurance & Dental	906.85		
Services & Supplies	9,142.12		
Insurance	563.20		
Vehicle Mileage	364.48		
NCES Disposal Fees	36,625.69		
Service Charge	0.00	63,944.56	

Total		63,944.56
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Unaudited Fund Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$58,899.37
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2007 FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER **Ambulance Fund**

Source of Funds

Unaudited Balance January 1, 2007			\$ 1,060.42
Ambulance Fees	\$12,846.79		
Overpayments – refunds	18.83		
Interest Earned	39.72		
Deposit Correction	0.00		
Amount owed to General Fund for 2007 Expenses	26,474.28	39,379.62	
Total			\$40,440.04

Use of Funds as of:

Attendants	13,085.00		
Billing Clerk	3,956.75		
Ass't Chief	4,680.01		
Payroll Taxes	1,758.33		
Training	4,798.00		
Radio/Communications	839.97		
Tower Maintenance	1,560.00		
Services/Supplies	5,492.76		
Insurance	2,469.79		
Dispatch	968.14		
Equipment Purchases	682.02	40,290.77	
Total			\$40,290.77

Unaudited Fund Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 149.27
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TOWN CLERK' REPORT

No Report Provided

TAX COLLECTOR

For Year Ended December 31, 2007

	DEBITS		
Levies of:	2007	2006	2005/Prior
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year:			
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$1,073,436.51	\$ 2,946.46
Land Use Change	0.00	6,450.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	646.71	1,486.80
Adjustment		(5,571.88)	
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	6,276,302.77	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	64317.60	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	25,748.87	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	414.10	0.00	0.00
Check Fee	33.00	159.00	0.00
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	17,139.59	18,538.62	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,383,955.93	\$1,093,658.96	\$ 4,433.26
	CREDITS		
Remitted to Treasurer			
During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$5,597,907.06	\$850,337.01	\$ 2,658.54
Land Use Change	38,857.60	1,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	24,198.12	646.71	175.05
Interest	8,646.59	15,357.68	287.92
Excavation Tax	386.60	0.00	0.00
Check Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00
Converted To Lien	0.00	215,634.48	0.00
Check Fees	33.00	159.00	0.00
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	4,393.08	5,074.08	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	5,450.00	0.00
Adjustment	1,222.79	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year			
Property Taxes	682,495.63	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	25,460.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	27.50	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	<u>327.96</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,311.75</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,383,955.93	\$1,093,658.96	\$4,433.26

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2007

DEBITS

	2006	2005	2004	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
Beginning of Fiscal Year:	\$ 0.00	\$114,354.15	\$75,741.00	\$107,064.37
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	234,099.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest and Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	6,061.66	9,811.98	12,997.87	15,028.49
Adjustment				
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$240,161.24</u>	<u>\$124,166.13</u>	<u>\$88,738.87</u>	<u>\$122,092.86</u>

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	\$ 98,212.57	\$ 47,316.51	\$31,264.37	\$27,268.15
Interest & Costs Collected				
After Lien Execution	6,061.66	9,811.98	12,978.87	15,028.49
Abatements of				
Unredeemed Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens				
End of Year	<u>135,887.01</u>	<u>67,037.64</u>	<u>44,476.63</u>	<u>79,796.22</u>
Total Credits	\$240,161.24	\$124,166.13	\$88,738.87	\$122,092.86

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Executive

Administrative Assistant Salary	\$52,924.35
Special Asst to BOS	6,919.75
Selectmen's Salaries	8,321.75
Auditors	9,569.50
MTHP	8,476.76
Delta Dental	0.00
SS/MC	4,633.35
NHRE	1,396.07
Telephone	2,123.48
Video Taping	0.00
Computer Expense	4,459.29
Software Support	2,699.00
Professional Consulting	38,244.91
NHMA Property Liability	1,660.91
WC/UC Insurance	1,719.36
Printing	3,525.20
Dues	2,699.36
NHMA Dues	1,623.92
Public Notices	979.61
Office Supplies	2,704.46
Postage	2,642.17
Books & Periodicals	59.69
Miscellaneous	1,087.14
Equipment Lease	3,437.03
Fuel	0.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	965.06
Training & Conferences	375.00

Total Executive	159,790.40
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Election/Registration/Vital Statistics

Town Clerk's Salary	2,510.40
Town Clerk's Fees	11,114.00
Deputy Town Clerk	3,081.63
Moderator	150.00
Supervisors of Checklist	1,600.00
Ballot Clerks	563.00
SS/MC	1,288.97
Meals	164.98
Telephone	1,606.96
Services/Supplies	4,192.71
Payments To Government Agencies	831.00

Total Election/Registration/Vital Stats	27,103.65
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Financial Administration

Tax Collector's Salary	12,054.15
Tax Collector's Fees	6,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector	6,392.32
Treasurer's Salary	6,000.00
MTHP	2,766.66
Delta Dental	256.45
SS/MC	1,870.14
NHRE	1,204.56
Registry	1,010.89
Telephone	573.12
Information Systems	3,555.00
Services	3,916.26
Supplies	1,565.05
Postage	3,000.97

Total Financial Administration 50,165.57

Assessing

Assessing Clerk	7,233.45
SS/MC	553.27
Registry	0.00
Reval Services	34,200.00
Update Maps	2,575.00
Computer Software Maintenance	2,995.00
Equip/Software Purchases	4,135.00
Supplies/Services	921.38
Postage	50.00

Total Assessing 52,663.10

Legal Expense

Municipal	9,894.42
Landfill	6,617.50
2003 Abatement	6,657.89
NCES State III	126,600.31
2004 Abatement	8,083.10

Total Legal Expense 186,451.46

Planning & Zoning

Secretary's Salary	20,578.99
MTHP	10,236.47
Delta Dental	948.72
SS/MC	1,574.26
NHRE	1,383.14
Legal Expense	699.90
Registry	252.02
Advertising	1,380.15
Telephone	679.55

Services	482.00
Insurance	1,160.41
Supplies	662.93
Postage	<u>620.00</u>
Total Planning & Zoning	40,658.54

General Government Buildings

Salaries	11,841.45
SS/MC	1,276.16
Custodial Service	5,131.95
Snow Removal	1,500.00
Trash Removal	1,917.69
Cemetery Maintenance	384.00
Lights	7,016.34
Fuel	10,850.91
Building Maintenance	5,656.22
Insurance	3,801.39
Supplies	1,510.27
Equipment Repair	1,014.20
Vehicle Mileage	<u>139.64</u>

Total General Government Building	52,040.22
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Advertising/Regional Association

Visitors' Center Salaries	5,974.00
Visitors' Center SS/MC	457.02
Visitors' Center Advertising	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total Advertising/Regional Association	7,931.02
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Other General Government

Timber Tax Wood Assessor	1667.25
SS/MC	18.52
Wood Assessor Mileage	<u>436.95</u>

Total Other General Government	2,122.72
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Police

Police Chief Salary	56,580.82
Officer's Salaries	131,945.22
Special Detail	112.00
MTHP	22,444.59
Delta Dental	1,723.42
SS/MC	4,583.47
NHRTS	16,042.48
Telephone	3,040.00
Tower Maintenance	0.00
Services/Supplies	18,200.11
Insurance	10,315.00

Fuel/Gas	11,555.52
Dispatch	43,382.12
Cruiser Maintenance	<u>4,673.37</u>
Total Police	324,598.12
Fire	
Fire Chief's Salary	7,554.15
Volunteer Firemen	9,676.40
Assistant Fire Chief	3,638.53
SS/MC	2,012.71
Training	7,696.41
Tower Maintenance	1,856.57
Services/Supplies	8,809.67
Insurance	5,662.08
Fuel/Gas	2,392.60
Dispatch	1,835.45
Equipment/Vehicle Repair	6,498.49
Equipment Purchase	13,637.49
Communication Maintenance	<u>1,799.80</u>
Total Fire	73,070.35
Building Inspection	
Salary	5,966.57
Supplies	<u>119.10</u>
Total Inspection	6,085.67
Highways & Streets	
Road Agent's Salary	31,705.18
Salary	130,368.95
MTHP	37,108.71
Delta Dental	1,470.41
SS/MC	12,366.79
NHRE	8,650.29
Gravel	23,449.63
Salt	27,795.06
Sand	18,731.25
Stone	9,074.39
Telephone	2,530.58
Services	6,224.84
Lights	4,681.98
Tree Service	1,129.00
Heating Oil	728.23
DOT Testing	80.00
Culverts	5,246.57
98 CAT Loader	3,840.39
99 CAT Excavator	13,092.22
85 Case Mower	846.19

86 Hyster Roller	72.96
01 Freightliner #3	1,722.03
99 Freightliner #5	6,810.79
98 Freightliner #4	7,697.83
90 Ford L-8000 #4	2,542.58
90 Ford L-8000 #7	39.54
96 Ford L-8000 #2	3,848.27
99 Ford Bucket #10	6,274.63
04 F550 Dump Truck #1	6,639.86
Woodchipper	37.80
Freightliner 2007	1,316.75
Public Notice	384.25
Street Sweeper	3,030.03
70 Cat Grader	1,374.34
Sprayer/Paint	1,195.78
Sander Purchase	7,094.67
Snow Removal	8,065.00
Insurance	15,827.41
Supplies	18,587.19
Hand Tools	1,577.25
Equipment Rentals	4,480.00
Office Supplies	553.23
Fuel & Lubricants	38,477.80
Grease & Oil	1,403.08
Uniforms/Boots	4,705.86
Asphalt	<u>53,273.08</u>
Total Highway & Street	536,152.67
Street Lighting	
Lights	<u>26,693.18</u>
Total Street Lighting	26,693.18
Animal Control	
Salary	3,920.00
SS/MC	267.80
Service/Supplies	<u>510.15</u>
Total Animal Control	4,697.95
Health Agencies/Hospitals	
Health Officer	2,955.85
Training & Dues	70.00
Grafton County Senior Citizen	3,500.00
North Country Home Health	5,462.00
White Mountain Mental Health	3,060.00
Ammonoosuc Health Services	5,000.00
Hospice of Littleton	1,330.00
American Red Cross	1,000.00

Tri-County CAP	6,500.00
CASA	500.00
North Country United Way	<u>538.00</u>
Total Health Agencies/Hospital	29,915.85
Direct Assistance	
Rent	14,172.87
Miscellaneous	3,203.42
Lights	2,274.24
Fuel	<u>866.94</u>
Total Direct Assistance	20,517.47
Parks/Recreation	
Recreation Salaries	35,579.17
Recreation Director	27,298.10
Recreation SS/MC	4,509.40
Insurance	3,532.62
Little League Services/Supplies	77.80
Skating Rink Services/Supplies	-0-
Park Services/Supplies	12,740.04
Telephone	468.30
Park Electricity	598.81
Pool Insurance	3,532.47
After School Program	682.12
Snack Program	84.00
Sports Program	9,524.65
Courts/Skating Rink Maintenance	452.43
Sumer Recreation SS/MC	<u>297.70</u>
Total Recreation	95,844.99
Library	
Library Services	<u>51,300.00</u>
Total Library	51,300.00
Culture & Recreation	
Gazebo Entertainment	<u>7,920.89</u>
Total Culture & Recreation	7,920.89
Conservation	
Services	<u>823.47</u>
Total Conservation	823.47
Interest – T.A.N.	
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>0.00</u>
Total Interest – T.A.N.	0.00

Debt Service

Costs for Town Bldg. Construction	8,157.38
E-One Fire Truck	10,076.84
CAT Loader	14,940.69
Gas Tank Loan	14,522.63
Land Purchase (cemetery)	<u>8,424.00</u>

Total Debt Service	56,121.54
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Capital Reserve Fund

Police Cruiser	16,681.70
TOB Bldg Maintenance Fund	11,356.91
Parks & Recreation – Pool	<u>12,145.00</u>

Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$40,183.61
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SPECIAL REVENUE EXPENDITURES

Bethlehem Country Club

Club House Salary	\$ 29,679.08
Salary	14,447.40
Dental	736.71
SS/MC	3,292.97
Advertising	5,987.38
Telephone	1,537.00
Services/Supplies	11,646.15
Ghin-Handicap	2,145.00
Rest. Lights	2,215.00
HS Lights	1,602.79
HS Heat	1,918.79
HS Building Maintenance	1,722.15
HS Improvements	11,089.64
HS Equip. Purchase	2,574.71
HS Insurance	2,843.69
HS Liquor	7,381.67
HS Restaurant	20,175.75
Rest Meals Tax	3,218.87
HS Snack Food	893.45
Pro Shop Inventory	17,405.42
Golf Car Rental	25,305.00
Salary	66,446.28
CR Depart. Head Salary	29,478.47
CR SS/MC	7,338.30
CR Telephone	653.06
CR Lights	1,275.52
CR Improvements	4,663.47
CR Equipment Rental	2,040.00
CR Insurance	2,664.57
CR Dues/Prof Meetings	485.00
CR Supplies	5,953.02
CR Chemicals	10,129.47
CR Fuel/Lubricant	4,985.94
CR Equipment Repair	5,198.67
Debit Service	9,966.32
CR Vehicle Mileage	<u>851.00</u>
	\$319,947.71

Landfill

Gatekeeper Salary	\$15,180.70
MTHP	829.97
Dental	76.88
SS/MC	1,161.52
Services/Supplies	9,142.12
Insurance	563.20
Vehicle Mileage	364.48
NCES Disposal Fees	<u>36,625.69</u>
	\$63,944.56

Ambulance

Attendants	\$13,085.00
Billing Clerk	3,956.75
Assistant Chief	4,680.01
SS/MC	1,758.33
Training	4,798.00
Radio/Communications	839.97
Tower Maintenance	1,560.00
Services/Supplies	5,492.76
Insurance	2,469.79
Dispatch	968.14
Equipment Purchase	<u>682.02</u>
	\$40,290.77

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Trust Fund Accounts 2007

Date/Account Name	Transactions 2007			Balances 12/31/2007	
	Contributions	Income	Withdrawals	Principal	Interest
Trust Fund Accounts					
1 1929 - Cruft, Town Building	\$ -	\$ 968.87	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,658.44
2 1916 - Phillips/Cruft	-	1,179.10	2,097.00	6,500.00	23,438.71
3 1930 - Jeffries, Park Building	-	95.44	-	1,000.00	967.55
4 1942 - West, Library	-	40.11	-	700.00	115.48
5 Unkn - Cemetery	-	1,489.81	-	14,030.00	16,728.70
	-	3,773.33	10,597.00	32,230.00	43,908.88
Capital Reserve Funds					
6 1995 - Police Cruiser	10,000.00	997.12	-	29,609.76	997.12
7 1995 - V Dist P'UP Truck	5,000.00	1,214.22	-	26,081.09	2,984.49
8 1995 - H2O Maintenance	-	2,686.26	-	45,000.00	10,461.97
9 1995 - Town Properties/ADA	-	172.73	50,781.02	-	-
10 1995 - Prospect St Dump Closure	-	7,257.66	-	128,412.00	21,356.93
11 1996 - Wastewater Maintenance	5,000.00	1,749.44	-	34,485.73	3,148.55
12 1997 - Highway Loader	-	-	-	-	-
13 1999 - Cemetery Addition	-	959.73	-	18,824.86	959.73
14 2000 - Town Library	-	5,353.33	-	96,666.53	13,859.22
15 2000 - Highway Truck	40,000.00	2,819.14	108,430.37	75,812.64	2,819.14
16 2003 - Town Building Maintenance	5,033.00	769.70	11,970.07	9,341.35	9,341.35
2007 - Pool/Recreation Facility	20,000.00	-	-	20,000.00	-
17 2004 - Prospect St Bridge	15,000.00	1,793.08	-	48,436.52	4,468.40
18 2005 - Tri-Town Ind Park	-	1,387.49	-	26,000.00	2,647.87
19 2005 - Mt Wash Cemetery	-	30.58	-	-	421.51
20 2003 - BES Building and Improvements	8,000.00	935.53	-	18,809.36	1,696.05
21 2003 - BES Special Education	-	2,945.80	-	57,872.28	2,945.80
22 2006 - Profile Special Education	-	8,104.01	-	155,197.63	12,118.67
23 2006 - Profile Building Maintenance	-	2,591.02	-	50,000.00	3,495.75
	108,033.00	41,766.84	171,181.46	840,549.75	84,381.20
Totals Per Trustee Records	\$108,033.00	\$45,540.17	\$181,778.46	\$872,779.75	\$128,290.08
					\$1,001,069.83

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT 2007

This year brought the completion of the elevator construction project, which had a significant impact on the library. Many patrons are glad to have the ADA accessibility to the 2nd floor of the town building where we are located. This project also made it possible for us to hold the Polar Express Event on the 3rd floor allowing over 100 people to attend. Although the library still does not meet code, having the elevator removes our ineligibility status on certain grant applications.

The month of June brought sadness from the loss of Muriel Brown, our past library director, who served us with the utmost dedication for over thirty years. She brought warmth and knowledge into the building that will be surpassed by none. Generous donations have enabled us to create a collection of books in her memory, which will allow her presence to remain with us evermore.

Programs have continued throughout the year for all ages. Preschool storytimes incorporating music with stories and crafts have been very successful. The summer reading program was offered and engaged readers from preschool through sixth grade. Adults have enjoyed year-round, thematic book discussions. One of the highlights was William Tapply, a NH native and best-selling mystery writer who joined us at the Bethlehem Country Club for an evening of his anecdotes and writing advice. We also enjoyed Dr. Christopher Plumley of the Whitefield Animal Hospital, who joined our thematic book discussion on animal stories.

The Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library have continued to offer support to the library. Some of their contributions this year were supplies for children's programming, an LCD overhead projector system and help funding a laptop for our bookkeeper, Francis Claffey. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers who help us keep our library running. The library is able to achieve so much more with their help and enthusiasm.

STATISTICS

Circulation:

Adult Fiction:	6,770	Video/Audio:	2,265
Children:	2,332	Magazines:	1,305
ILL Loaned:	354	ILL Borrowed:	410

Other Statistics:

Memorial Books:	144	Patrons Served:	1,0312
Computer Usage:	1,738	Donations:	131
Purchased Books:	710	Uncollected Books	18
Magazines:	45	New Patrons:	108

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Marquis, Director

LIBRARY BUDGET

	Budget 2007	Actual 2007	Budget 2008
Expenses			
Books, Magazines, etc.	\$12,500.00	\$12,591.58	\$12,500.00
Equipment	400.00	1,799.24	400.00
Computer Expenses	1,100.00	1,756.79	1,100.00
Accounting	550.00	678.99	500.00
Library Expense & Travel	500.00	592.64	600.00
Supplies	1,000.00	1,208.95	1,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	663.96	750.00
Postage	350.00	570.36	450.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	260.00	200.00
Children's Program	500.00	1,719.08	1,500.00
Adult's Program	100.00	109.60	300.00
Payroll Tax	2,700.00	2,537.29	2,800.00
Wages	30,000.00	29,382.54	32,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	100.00	137.99	100.00
Trust Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Computer Replacement Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$53,100.00	\$56,009.01	\$56,200.00

**These funds are not reflected in the above budget.

Income			
Town Funds	\$51,300.00	\$51,300.00	\$53,700.00
Donations & Fees	500.00	2,292.11	1,000.00
Children's Program Donations	0.00	1,429.00	500.00
Book Sales	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,195.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$53,100.00	\$56,216.11	\$56,200.00

Endowment/Trust Funds

Beginning Balance	\$112,385.64
Contributions	1,000.00
Interest Earned**	5,746.76
Expenditures	<u>(2,895.11)</u>
Ending Balance	\$116,237.29

Computer Replacement Fund

Beginning Balance	\$5,342.93
*** Donations & Int.	308.08
2007 Additions	2,000.00
***Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$7,651.01

Memorial Funds

Beginning Balance	\$ 127.00
Donations	1,222.00
Books Purchased	<u>(1,037.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ <u>312.00</u>

Fines, Lost Books & Eqmt. Fees

Beginning Balance	\$908.12
Interest & Fees	461.38
Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$1,369.50

A Memorial Fund has been established through donations in memory of specific individuals. The books purchased from these funds are in memory of these individuals.

*The income and expenditures from these funds are not reflected in the above budget

** Income from these funds is used to purchase books & conduct programs as dictated by the trust.

SELECT BOARD REPORT 2007

Last year brought many new faces, initiatives and improvements. Harold Friedman, a Planning Board member, was elected with a solid majority of over four hundred votes. Dan Tucker, who had previously served for three terms, received five hundred and fifteen votes. Dan was unanimously voted the Select Board's 2007 Chair. Sandy Laleme resigned from the Select Board before the end of her first term and former Selectman Judy Wallace was appointed to fill the vacant position.

With the resignation of the Town's Road Agent, Chairman Tucker, who had previously served as the Town's Road Agent for ten years, assumed the Department's responsibilities for over a month. The Board formally hired Jonathan Wright in April to serve as Road Agent until March of 2008. After winning her fourth term as the Town Clerk, Tandy Brown decided to leave her office, and Casey Bonilla, the Deputy Town Clerk, has fulfilled the Town Clerk's duties until March of 2008, when the position is open for election.

Cheryl Sargent, a familiar face at the town offices for years, was hired back by the Town as the new Administrative Assistant to the Planning, Zoning and Select Board in June. The responsibilities for the Select Board's Administrator were restructured, and Amy Baker was hired to fill the new bookkeeper's position. The restructuring of the Town's office personnel eliminated the need for office overtime and reduced personnel expenditures. An Employee Handbook Committee was formed this year to review the Town's personnel policies and make recommendations to the Select Board. Thanks to their help, the Town has a new health insurance plan, which will financially benefit both the Employees and the Town. The Committee continues to work toward handbook updates for the upcoming year.

The Board worked diligently this year at long term financial planning in an effort to ease the burden of capital improvements on taxpayers while allowing the Town to properly prepare for future needs. We created several additional Capital Reserve Funds to be placed on the Warrant. Under the direction of Selectman Weston, the Board reviewed the Town's current elderly tax exemptions and recommended adjustments to be placed on the warrant that will offer additional tax relief to elderly residents.

The most notable achievement of 2007 was the completion of the Town Building ADA project. The renovations updated the mechanical systems and installed an elevator to allow people full access to all offices and the Library. Lon Weston, Select Board Vice Chairman, was the project liaison. He has worked on this plan since 2002 with a \$15,000 feasibility grant on behalf of the Town. His project leadership and daily oversight of the construction progress was instrumental in keeping construction costs down and the project running smoothly.

The project included: an addition to house an elevator, a second set of stairs, renovating two offices, including two new accessible bathrooms; bringing the electrical, and fire alarm system up to current code; installing a drainage system around the outside perimeter of the basement; building a canopy entryway over the handicapped entrance; fixing the front entry steps and addressing some other minor cosmetic needs. The total

contract cost paid to Dan Hebert Inc. to complete the project was \$834,000 including a twenty year bond for \$774,000. The architect was paid \$28,000, and there was an additional \$9,000 in flooring and foam insulation work associated with the project. Bethlehem can be proud of its new Town Hall facility.

With help from a grant through the North Country Council, Selectman Weston worked with the Safety Committee to create a Hazards/Fire Mitigation and Water Resources Plan. Bethlehem was the first Town in NH to work on a manual that combines all three aspects into one overall plan. This was a community effort with many hours of work contributed by a citizens committee that included: Chris Brousseau, Jonathan Wright, Eric Lougee, Dianne Lambert, Derek Brown, Jack Anderson and Lon Weston. They all deserve recognition for working hard to complete this project. The plan is currently being reviewed by FEMA and, pending approval; it will make the Town eligible for additional federal emergency grants.

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of the Town's Recreation Committee and our former Recreation Director Melissa Grella, (who resigned to attend graduate school) enrollment in our recreation and sports programs has grown to include 120 Bethlehem children. The Town continues to address the issue of our town pool, upgrades to our playground facilities and the skating rink, which was open last winter for the first time in several years. Thanks to the Bethlehem Redevelopment Association, the former Town "Comfort Station" restroom facility was restored and made available to bus tours during "leaf peeping" season.

Other projects of note over 2007 include the continuing work of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Recycling. The Committee continues to work on developing plans for a Town owned Transfer Station on Rte. 116, a project that voters approved in March of 2007. The site has been surveyed and tagged for wetlands and the committee is moving forward with the next stage of planning.

From January 2007 to December of 2007, the Bethlehem Town Food Pantry handed out approximately 200 boxes of food to families in need and provided direct assistance to 34 Bethlehem families and residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Chairman Daniel Tucker

2007 POLICE REPORT

The Police Department is pleased to announce that 2007 was an extremely successful year in terms of crimes solved, property recovered, and successful prosecutions at all levels. A disturbing increase in thefts and burglaries in the latter part of 2006 and the beginning of 2007 plagued the community. The combined efforts of Bethlehem Police, Whitefield and Carroll Police, along with a tip from a Grafton County Deputy led to the recovery of thousands of dollars of stolen tools, household goods, and two snowmobiles from a residence on Cherry Valley Road. Stolen items at this location were traced to thefts and burglaries in Bethlehem, Franconia, Sugar Hill, North Haverhill, Lisbon, Littleton, Bath, Lancaster, Whitefield, Jefferson and Carroll NH. The suspect pled guilty to a large number of Felony Indictments and is now committed to the NH State Prison.

A 2006 criminal investigation of actions of the former Road Agent also led to a misdemeanor conviction despite unprecedented interference from Bethlehem Town Officials who are no longer in office.

On May 11th, 2007 Bethlehem Officer Bing Clark and Jared Peters were among the first responding officers to arrive at the tragic scene in Franconia involving the violent deaths of Officer Bruce Mackay and Easton resident Liko Kenney. The valiant actions of Officer Peters and Clark to secure the scene and establish order were truly commendable. The Bethlehem Police Department has worked hard with the community to learn as much as possible from this devastating event in hopes of averting a similar event in the future. Understanding the "nature of the people" has always been a Departmental goal in order to remain a community friendly department.

The Police Department overcame several setbacks in 2007. Flooding from faulty drainage resulted in damage to floors and property. The floors in the Police Department are in need of replacement. A cruiser was totaled while avoiding a collision with a suspects wrecked vehicle during the initial stages of a pursuit on a steep winding section of Prospect Street. Officer Demoranville is to be commended for his quick actions to treat the injured officer who was driving, secure the scene, and initiate steps to locate the suspect. The suspect, who fled the scene, was later apprehended with the assistance of Littleton Police K9 unit Wizard and his partner Officer Matt Culver.

For 2007, DWI intervention, accidents, and arrests for criminal behavior remained consistent with previous years. 100% of DWIs and domestic assaults brought to court resulted in convictions and the Department will continue to make impaired driving, domestic violence, and child abuse among our highest priorities.

The Bethlehem Police Department wishes to thank all of the many residents, citizens and tax-payers for your truly dedicated support through-out the year of 2007. A special thank you is extended to the late Mark Morrison for graciously allowing the cruiser to be stored in his facility under the post office and to the late Joel Goodell for his diligent efforts in working with the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Funds and his years of support to the Department as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Eric Lougee
Officer Jared Peters, Officer Alan Demoranville,
Officer H. Bing Clark and Officer Michael Ho-Sing-Loy

2008 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bethlehem, New Hampshire, Grafton County in New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the **first session** (deliberative) of the annual meeting of the Town of Bethlehem will be held at the Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room located at 2155 Main Street in said Bethlehem on February 4th, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Warrant articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV a, with the exception of Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13 a. Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

You are further notified that the **second session** of the annual meeting of the Town of Bethlehem will be held at the Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 8:00 am for the choice of town officers elected by official ballot, to vote on the questions required by law to be inserted on the official ballot, and to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls for the election of town officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 8:00 am in the forenoon and will not close until 7:00 pm in the evening.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

ARTICLE II (E), GENERAL PROVISION: E

In all districts building coverage on the site shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the lot area unless otherwise stated herein.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The changes being proposed by the Planning Board under this Amendment are to “Article XI – Multi Family Dwelling Unit Development”. The primary change would decrease the current percentage of a Lot allowed to be covered by the structures in a Multi-Family Developments from 25% Lot coverage to 10%. Also, a number of minor, non-substantive, changes to the language are being proposed in order to make the Ordinance read more clearly. The primary change would add a section under “General Requirements” of “Article XI – Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Development” to read as follows:

(Due to the length of “Article XI – Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Development” the entire text of neither the existing or the proposed Article are included on this Ballot. Copies of the complete text of the existing and the proposed changes to “Article XI – Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Development” have been made available for public review prior to and on this date, March 11, 2008. Pursuant to RSA 675:3, VII).

The primary change under this Amendment would add a section under “General Requirements” of “Article XI – Multi-Family Dwelling Unit Development” to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT DEVELOPMENT

B GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Building Coverage:

In all Districts the total building coverage shall not exceed 10% of the lot area.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The changes being proposed by the Planning Board under this Amendment are to “Article XII – Cluster Development”. The proposed changes will add clarity as to what types of dwellings and/or Lot designs fall under this Article as well as decrease the minimum lot size for a Cluster Development from the current 8 acres to whatever the standard minimum Lot size is in each Zoning District.

(NOTE: Due to the length of Article XII – “Cluster Development” the entire text of neither the existing or proposed Article XII have been included on this Ballot. Copies of the complete text of both the existing and the proposed changes to “Article XII – Cluster Development” have been made available for public review prior to and on this date. March 11, 2008. Pursuant to RSA 675:3, VII).

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE: The change being proposed by the Planning Board under this Amendment would replace the existing “Article IX – Condominium Development” with new language in order to bring Article IX into compliance with current New Hampshire Statue, RSA 356:B-5.

(NOTE: Due to the length of the existing “Article IX – Condominium Development” the text of the “existing” Article is not included on this Ballot. Copies of the complete text of the existing “Article IX – Condominium Development” as well as the proposed change have been made available for public review prior to and on this date. March 11, 2008. Pursuant to RSA 675:3, VII).

Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance to replace the existing “Article IX – Condominium Development”, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to RSA 356:B-5, any use of land proposed to be held in the condominium form of ownership shall be subject to the same requirements under this ordinance as a physically identical use of land that is not subject to the condominium form of ownership

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE: The change being proposed by the Planning Board under this Amendment would replace in its entirety the existing “Article X – Condominium Conversion” with a new title, “Article X - Conversion To The Condominium Form Of Ownership” and new language in order to bring Article X into compliance with current New Hampshire Statute, RSA 356:B-5, to read as follows:

(Due to the length of the existing “Article X – Condominium Conversion” the text of the “existing” Article is not included on this Ballot. Copies of the complete text of the existing “Article X – Condominium Conversion” as well as the proposed Article X have been made available for public review prior to and on this date, March 11, 2008. Pursuant to RSA 675:3, VII).

Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

ARTICLE X: CONVERSION TO THE CONDOMINIUM FORM OF OWNERSHIP

Any existing use of land that is proposed to be converted to the condominium form of ownership shall first require subdivision approval from the planning board pursuant to RSA 672:14, I. The planning board shall grant subdivision approval for the conversion, utilizing the board’s normal procedures applicable for acceptance, public hearing, review, and final decision for subdivision applications, unless the planning board finds on the record that the proposed conversion to the condominium form of ownership would likely result in an unacceptable impact on surrounding properties which is different in nature or degree from the impacts associated with the use of the land before the conversion to the condominium form of ownership.

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CHANGE: The change being proposed by the Planning Board under this Amendment is to replace the existing “Article XV – Telecommunications Facilities” in its entirety with a newer version entitled “Article XV - Personal Wireless Service Facilities”. The proposed Article XV would strengthen the Town’s ability to regulate the location and placement of new Personal Wireless Service Facilities. The proposed Article XV also contains an extended Definitions section. The “Purpose” section of the proposed Article is copied below.

(Due to the length of both, the existing Article XV – Telecommunications Facilities” and the proposed “Article XV – Personal Wireless Service Facilities” the entire text of neither are included on this Ballot. Copies of both the existing and proposed articles have been made available for public review prior to and on this date, March 11, 2008. Pursuant to RSA 675:3, VII)

ARTICLE XV: PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES (PWSF)

The purpose of this Article is to:

- I. Preserve the character and appearance of the Town of Bethlehem while allowing adequate telecommunications services to be developed.

- II. Minimize the impact of telecommunications facilities on the scenic, historic, environmental, and natural or human resources of Bethlehem.
- III. Provide standards and requirements for the regulation, placement, design, appearance, construction, monitoring, modification and removal of telecommunication facilities and towers.
- IV. Minimize the impact of telecommunications facilities on property values, and scenic areas within the Town of Bethlehem.
- V. Locate towers and/or antennas in a manner which promotes the general safety, health, welfare and quality of life of the citizens of Bethlehem and all those who visit this community.
- VI. Require the sharing of existing communications facilities, towers, and sites where possible.
- VII. Reasonably regulate the location, placement, operation and maintenance of PWSF within the Town of Bethlehem, while at the same time meeting the requirements of the (Federal) Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- VIII. Amateur Radio; Receive-Only Antennas: This article shall not govern any tower, or the installation of any antenna that is under 70 feet in height and is owned and operated by a federally-licensed amateur radio station operator or is used exclusively for receive only antennas. This application adopts the provisions and limitations as referenced in RSA 674:16, IV.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Four hundred sixty thousand) \$460,000 for the construction or rebuilding and relining the existing swimming pool facilities along with providing for modifications to meet State and ADA code requirements including related incidental expenses. (Four hundred sixty thousand (\$460,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)* (3/5 majority vote required)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Two hundred thousand) \$200,000 for the repair of the Prospect Street Bridge. This is to propose a short term bond to authorize the Select Board to expend these funds to repair the Prospect Street Bridge, which is eligible for an 80% reimbursement of the total incurred expenses including engineering costs from the State of NH after July 1, 2008. The anticipated final total expense has been previously appropriated in the Prospect Street Bridge Capital Reserve account raised for this said purpose. (Two hundred thousand) \$200,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 majority vote required) *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)*

Article 10: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other Appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth therein, totaling **\$2,598,484**. Should this article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be **\$2,673,747**; which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the local governing body may hold one Special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)*

Note: This Operating Budget does not include appropriations in any other Warrant Articles.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Nine thousand) **\$9,000.00** for the purpose of providing live musical entertainment, free to the public, to be held at the Bethlehem Gazebo in 2008. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Ten thousand) **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Police Cruiser previously established. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)*

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Fifteen thousand) \$15,000.00 (Article 19 in the 2003 Warrant specified that the Total is \$15,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Town Buildings Maintenance previously established. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)*

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Sixty thousand) **\$60,000.00** to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund-Highway Dump Truck previously established. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)*

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Grader and to appropriate the sum of (Twenty-five thousand) \$25,000 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen to expend. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)*

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing personal protective safety equipment for the fire department and to appropriate the sum of (Ten thousand) \$10,000 to be placed in this fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen to expend. This capital reserve fund would be used to replace or upgrade personal protective clothing and or self contained breathing apparatus to insure the safety of our firefighters. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue delegating the responsibilities of the cemetery from the Select Board, and establish an elected board of cemetery trustees consisting of 5 members as authorized under RSA 289:6. In the initial election of cemetery trustees, they shall be elected by ballot at an annual town meeting. One shall be elected for a one year term, one for a 2-year term, and one for a 3-year term. In towns with a Board of 5 trustees, the additional trustees shall be appointed by the selectmen, one for a 1-year term and one for 2 years. Subsequent trustees shall be elected by ballot at the annual town meeting to replace those whose terms expire. The term of each trustee

shall be 3 years. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund-Tri-Town Industrial Park, said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the General Fund. (The fund balance as of December 31, 2006 was \$27,260.38.) *(The Select Board recommend this article.)*

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Capital reserve Fund-Town Properties/ADA, said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the General Fund. (The fund balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$0.00) *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

Article 20: To see is the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of road maintenance, and to raise and appropriate (Forty thousand) (\$40,000) to be placed in this fund and further to name the selectmen as agents to expend. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000 for the purpose of adding to the Capital Revenue Fund established at Town Meeting of 2007 to create a Recycle/Transfer Station, with said transferred funds to come from the fund-Solid Waste Disposal-Special Reserve Fund; and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (This will not have an effect on the Tax Rate) *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Bethlehem, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years **\$50,000**; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, **\$75,000**; for a person 80 years of age or older, **\$100,000**. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **\$25,000**, or if married, a combined net income of less than **\$37,500** and own net assets not in excess of **\$100,000**. *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

*Currently the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Bethlehem based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers are as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years , **\$20,000**; for a person 75 years of age and up to 80 years, **\$30,000**; for a person 80 years of age or older **\$40,000**. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **\$22,000** or, if married, a combined net income of less than **\$35,000**; and own net assets not in excess of **\$75,000**.*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the flat sum of **\$3,600.00** for the purpose of videotaping the Select Board's meetings, SB2 hearings, and other Town events. This sum is to cover all labor and materials. The videography contract is to be awarded as determined by the Selectmen. (By petition) *(The Board of Selectmen recommend this article.)*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the **Local Control and Waste reduction Ordinance**, presented by petition to the Bethlehem Select Board, which has as its purpose and goals the following:

Purpose: An Ordinance to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens, community and environment of the Town of Bethlehem by prohibiting persons from using corporations or syndicates to engage in certain waste storage, “beneficial use” or waste disposal activities, by prohibiting certain corporations from claiming legal rights and protection, by providing for development of a Town waste policy, and by providing for enforcement and penalties for violations of this ordinance

Goals: Assert the rights of the People to a healthy, clean environment, and of the environment to exist and flourish, and impose penalties for violations of these rights.

Recognize that Regulatory Laws are written and advanced on behalf of the regulated industries, that they fail to protect the People and the environment from harms, that they leave the People with minimal power to merely limit the degree of damage such behavior inflicts and that Regulatory Laws deny communities the right to simply say “no” to destructive corporate activities.

Recognize that current local, state and national waste policies are unsuitable and establish waste policy based on reports from the Citizen’s Advisory group on Recycling, with targeted but non-mandatory goals for recycling, reuse and reduction of waste by the community.

Assert the legitimate authority of the People of Bethlehem to control the storage and dumping of waste in the Town by exercising their inalienable right to self-government in enacting this Ordinance.

Assert that state and federal laws that usurp the right of the People to make local governing decisions on issues which directly affect their community, environment, quality of life, and the health, safety and welfare of future generations are unjust and illegitimate.

Assert that corporations being used to traffic in waste within the town are subordinate to the People of Bethlehem, that corporations may not exercise privileges of legal “personhood” or wield the constitution and the law against the People and community of the Town of Bethlehem in order to deny their local self-governing authority.

Prohibit waste hauling corporations from storing and dumping an array of waste materials within the Town of Bethlehem, and impose penalties for such violations.

Prohibit anyone from using or assisting a corporation to violate the provisions of this ordinance, within the Town of Bethlehem, and impose penalties for violating these prohibitions. (By petition)

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Thirty-five hundred) (\$3500.00) for video-taping of all Bethlehem Selectboard meetings and annual town meetings. To be put out for sealed bids. (The Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article.) (By petition)

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to require an addendum to the town budget breaking down all landfill legal expenses. (By petition as amended at Deliberative Session)

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to change the position of town road agent from the current 2-year elected position to a 2-year appointed position. (By petition)

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to change the Planning Board members from appointed to elected positions under the provisions of RSA 673:2,II(b)(1). If so chosen, the elected shall follow the terms provided under RSA 673:5,II. (By petition)

Article 29: To see is the town will vote to change the Zoning Board members from appointed to elected positions under the provisions of RSA 673:3. If so chosen, the elected members shall be elected for the terms provided under RSA 673:5, II. (By petition)

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote in favor of decreasing the Board of Selectmen to three members. (By petition)

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Manager position and vote to raise and appropriate (Fifty thousand) \$50,000 for this purpose. (By petition) (The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article.)

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote in favor of reversing the vote taken on Article 6 at the 2000 Bethlehem Town Meeting regarding the provision of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) and to return to the traditional Town Meeting form of government. (By petition)

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of January 2008.

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM – EXPENDITURES

Details of Expenditures	Approp. 2007	Actual 2007	Estimated 2008
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 150,350.00	159,790.40	185,020.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	43,260.00	27,103.65	43,008.00
Financial Administration	53,674.00	50,165.57	54,392.00
Revaluation of Property	65,322.00	52,663.10	67,557.00
Legal Expenses	220,000.00	186,451.46	180,000.00
Planning & Zoning	60,788.00	40,658.54	49,931.00
General Government Buildings	60,070.00	52,040.22	67,670.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	8,000.00	7,931.02	10,650.00
Other General Government	3,300.00	2,104.20	3,500.00
Public Safety:			
Police	330,443.00	324,598.12	356,200.00
Fire	78,565.00	73,070.35	87,150.00
Building Inspection	6,200.00	6,085.67	6,200.00
Highways and Streets:			
Highway and Streets	528,860.00	536,152.67	538,033.00
Street Lighting	27,000.00	26,693.18	27,000.00
Health:			
Animal Control	5,523.00	4,697.95	5,523.00
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	29,240.00	29,915.85	32,870.00
Welfare:			
Administration and Direct Assistance	20,000.00	20,517.47	20,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Parks and Recreation	98,853.00	95,844.99	175,477.00
Library	51,300.00	51,300.00	53,700.00
Other (Gazebo)	9,000.00	7,920.89	0.00
Conservation:			
Other Conservation	2,050.00	823.47	2,050.00
Debt Service:			
Interest – Tax Anticipation Notes	12,500.00	14,856.87	12,500.00
Cost for Town Building Construction	11,000.00	8,157.38	75,000.00
E-One Fire Truck	10,077.00	10,076.84	10,077.00
CAT Loader	14,941.00	14,940.69	14,941.00
Land Purchase Loan (Cemetery)	8,600.00	8,424.00	8,600.00
Gas/Storage Tank	15,000.00	14,522.63	15,000.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
To Special Revenue Funds	451,200.00	423,914.49	455,835.00
To Capital Reserve Fund	<u>90,033.00</u>	<u>90,033.00</u>	<u>160,000.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$2,465,149.00	2,341,454.67	2,717,884.00

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Gazebo Entertainment.....	9,000.00
Police Cruiser.....	10,000.00
Highway Dump Truck	60,000.00
Highway Grader.....	25,000.00
Prospect Street Bridge.....	200,000.00
Fire Department Personal Protective Safety Equip.....	10,000.00
Pool/Recreation Facility.....	460,000.00

2007 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Another year has passed and activity for the Fire and Ambulance remains high. Along with a substantial call volume we are spending a lot of time training in a variety of areas. As time goes on our scope of responsibility seems to steadily increase, therefore increasing our need for up to date equipment and training. The Fire Department responded to 165 calls and the Ambulance to 210 calls. Thankfully we only responded to two structure fires in our Town, they turned out to be minor. We did respond to several major structure fires in our neighboring communities.

The Bethlehem Emergency Services (our fund raising company) has been hard at work and we finally achieved our goal of purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera for the Town. This camera had a purchase price of \$12,000.00, \$10,000.00 was raised from fundraisers and the balance of \$2,000.00 was paid from the Fire Department budget. This camera is top of the line and we are finding it useful on many calls we respond to. A big thank you is in order for the men and women of the BES for all their hard work in raising the money for this purchase.

The Town Building project is now complete and we are adjusting to our new office / meeting room as well as a little less space in the fire bays. As usual we are making the best of what we have and will do fine for the short term. The Department is growing in size and eventually will require more space and a new station. We are all taxpayers and understand we can only afford a certain amount of Capital Improvements at any one time; this is why we have not approached the idea of a new station more vigorously at this time. We are also going to have to consider purchasing a new or newer rescue vehicle in the near future. The one we have gets a lot of use and is becoming a maintenance problem and is too small for our needs. We use this vehicle for transporting our rescue tools, equipment and manpower to incidents. The present vehicle was purchased by the BES and given to the Town.

We have been very fortunate to have a substantial number of people join our Department recently and they have jumped right in and are participating in training for both EMT and Level One fire training. This will greatly enhance of capabilities in both Fire and Ambulance. Many of our neighboring communities are having difficulty in recruiting and retaining firemen. I believe this is a testament to our Departments personnel, as people want to join our team and become a part of the service we provide to our residents.

As your Fire Chief I want to know that I take great pleasure in serving this community and working with our fine Firemen and EMT's, as well as the Select Board, Police, and all other Town Employees. This Town sometimes gets some bad press but overall there is no better place to live. I think we all should accentuate the positives of this great little Town and work together to achieve an atmosphere of cooperation and positive actions for the good of all.

Chief Jack Anderson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local Fire Department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the Spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru November 8, 2007)

(Figures do not include fires in the White Mountain National Forest)

County Statistics

County	Acres	# of Fires	County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95	Hillsborough	61	71
Carroll	11	53	Merrimack	16	73
Cheshire	44	36	Rockingham	16	22
Coos	6	15	Strafford	19	32
Grafton	4	30	Sullivan	5	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	5	Debris	197
Campfire	38	Railroad	5
Children	22	Equipment	3
Smoking	41	Lightning	7
Miscellaneous	*		119

(*Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc)

Total Fires Total Acres

2007	437	212
2006	500	473
2005	546	174
2004	482	147
2003	374	100

Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires

BETHLEHEM BUILDING DEPARTMENT

For the year 2007 building activity continued strongly. Single-family home constructions are down from the previous year. New commercial work was up slightly, but renovations and alterations in both residential and commercial kept pace.

Following is a breakdown of the permit activity.

New Single Family Permits	-	12
Manufactured Housing	-	4
Residential Alterations	-	16
New Commercial	-	2
Commercial Alterations	-	3
Demolition Permits	-	12
Miscellaneous/Garage, Sheds, Decks, etc.	-	21
Signage Permits	-	2
Total value of all construction	-	\$12,412,900.00
Total Permits Issued	-	72

Respectfully submitted,
Stan Borkowski
Code Enforcement Officer
Cell Phone: 1-802-356-5064

BETHLEHEM PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Bethlehem's status as a second home/residential community was supported this year with the approval of nearly 150 new lots throughout the Town. A large portion of this involved the development of land associated with the Maplewood; however the areas of South Road, Cherry Valley, and Maplewood Hill also saw their share of interest and approvals. There were also a number of business approvals that ranged from eye wear to gun repair along with some expansions of existing businesses and again there were no disapprovals.

The Planning Board viewed all applications with the goal of equal treatment for all when applying the Zoning Regulations and tried to be consistent with any information required and/or conditions of approval. We also worked hard with any abutter concerns and were able to lessen some of the potential impacts to surrounding neighborhoods and to the town's infrastructure. The logistics of building a project along with the added usage to town facilities are increasingly becoming the major topics during public hearings. As part of an approval off of South Road, the board was able to apply an "off site exaction" of \$15,000, paid by the applicant, to be used for materials on South Road by the Highway Department. We were also able to require water and sewer approvals after each phase of the Maplewood development so that one project could not dominate the availability of the utility and possibly promote the completions of such projects. The area of water and sewer capacity is a growing concern and the Planning Board will need to work in conjunction with the Water Commissioners to be sure added costs are not passed along to those in the precinct and the town.

I would like to extend my thanks to any members of the public that showed interest in attending some of the meetings this year. I would also like to thank the board members for their volunteer work for the Town, and extend a special acknowledgment to the office support issued by Cheryl Sargent and Dianne Lambert. Best wishes and good luck in future endeavors to past board members Steve Huntington, and Harold Friedman.

MEMBERS

JOHN SEELY, Chairman
ROLAND SHICK, Vice
DAN INGRAM
BILL JEALOUS
MIKE RITTER
DAN WEBB
LON WESTON ex-officio

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

#1 ERIN WOO
#2 MATT MACKINNON

Respectfully Submitted,
John Seely

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

In April of 2007 I assumed the duties of Interim Road Agent. I have appreciated the many words of wisdom, advice and even the complaints, which have served to make my job much easier. A special thank you goes out to Fire Chief Jack Anderson, Police Chief Eric Lougee and also Derek Brown and Dennis Moody from the Bethlehem Village District Water Department.

I would also like to thank the Town Office staff for their clerical support throughout the year.

Among some of the projects the Highway Department has accomplished this year included shimming numerous roads that throughout the years had developed wheel ruts, some of which were 6 inches deep and made plowing difficult and inefficient. Shimming these areas made winter maintenance much easier. Culverts, which were rotted out, were replaced and culver extensions to some increased road width and safety in many locations. Ditch work was done as needed and stone removed in many locations, which aided in better water drainage.

As always, truck repairs and maintenance of equipment continue to take up a large proportion of the Department's time.

The April flooding and wind damage, along with a shortage of manpower put the Department behind schedule. This has eased a little with the current personnel and the task at hand is now somewhat easier.

The Department has plans to complete the salt shed. This is a project, which has been on the Department's agenda for a few years. Additionally, more shimming will be needed on trouble spots throughout Town as well as updating metal culverts and ditch work to aid in drainage issues. More tree trimming in spots will help with visibility and aid in drying up the roads in the winter.

I would like to thank my employees, Chris Brousseau, Bill Patenaude and Ricky Robie for their dedication and service. My thanks also to Dave Reinhard, Derek Brown and Chris King for there winter assistance as well as their patience throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Wright V
Interim Road Agent

BETHLEHEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Hello, my name is Natanya Champney. I am the new Program Director for the Recreation Department. I am extremely excited to serve you, the residents of Bethlehem and help your children continue to have fun and meaningful after school, vacation, sports and summer programming.

This is an exciting new year with new programming underway. Our well staffed after school program continues to be in popular demand by families. We will continue to offer physical exercise, and a variety of activities including team-building activities, cooking classes, science projects, arts and crafts, and drama, and as always, a snack is provided, complement of the Recreation Department with conjunction with the Federal Food Program.

Our sports program is expected to be bigger than ever, and the teams are doing a wonderful job as the basketball season continues in full swing. With the baseball/softball/tee ball season quickly approaching, please stay tuned or contact myself for details on sign-up night for these sports. Stay tuned to possible new sports programs to be offered next fall.

Other aspects of the Recreation Department that I am looking into and improving our playground, skating, skate park area; improving the adventure program during our summer component; working hand in hand with the conservation committee to bring improvement in activities for all residents, children and adults alike.

Respectfully submitted,
Natanya Champney

BETHLEHEM COUNTRY CLUB 2007

The year 2007 for BCC did not start off well and I was worried we would not have a good year. In the months of May and June we again had rain almost every weekend and the ever increasing prices of gas certainly didn't help us, but as the season went on, business steadily got better and we actually were able to finish the 2007 year with resources ahead of last year. Our revenues have been increasing yearly for the past three years and with this increase in revenues we have thankfully been able to accomplish many things at BCC.

We resolved 90% of our drainage problems we have had for years by putting in drainage pipes across the problem areas of the course. Our members were calling it "The Big Dig" of BCC while it was in progress, but thankfully it is working great and now we only have a few minor drainage problems in this area. This will certainly help our Club by getting more people on the course in the spring months. Our two new tees on the 16th and 17th holes have been stumped and cleared. We hope to have them ready for play by the 1st of July. As always we continue to make Bethlehem Country Club the best course in the North Country.

We also purchased 18 new golf carts this year. We hope to acquire 42 more so we will own rather than have to spend money on leases every year. This will eventually result in savings for the Club. We also painted and carpeted our entire pro shop. We were also able to purchase some new appliances for the restaurant. We are still a work in progress in the restaurant, hoping to do more in that area this year. The restaurant enjoyed having several functions in 2007, one was a very successful 80th birthday party for a Bethlehem resident, a wonderful wedding rehearsal dinner, and again, for the 2nd year in a row, we hosted a banquet for the Bethlehem Heritage Society. We serve fantastic burgers and homemade fries from our menu (among other great food items) so don't forget we are open to all. Come and enjoy the restaurant, have lunch six days a week or enjoy our great full breakfast we serve on weekends. Sit on the porch, enjoy a great meal and take in our gorgeous views!

I have been extremely fortunate to have excellent staff that work at BCC and member volunteers that help out during our very successful charity golf tournaments. I wish to thank them all for their continued commitment to making Bethlehem Country Club successful and a friendly place to visit. I also extend my thanks to the Town of Bethlehem Office employees, the Town of Bethlehem and the Select Board for their continued support in BCC.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Pilotte
Business Manager

BRETZFELDER MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE

Bretzfelder Memorial Park, on Prospect Street, is a property of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The Park land was donated to the Forest Society in memory of Charles B. Bretzfelder, by his daughter, Helen Bretzfelder. In her will she stipulated that she wished a Town Committee be established "to represent the conservation, recreation and nature education interests of the Town." Since its creation in 1982 the Bretzfelder Memorial Park Committee has met several times a year to plan for maintenance of the Park and for the free programs that are offered to the public thanks to the Park's endowment left by Helen Bretzfelder. The Committee members host these programs.

Wednesday evening programs were held in February in the classroom and in August in the pavilion. Look for the list of Wednesday night programs in August this next year. They will include a program with wild animals from the Squam Lakes Science Center and a program on "Skins and Skulls" where the audience will match the skins to a list of species. These are great fun for children and especially enjoyed together with grandparents

The Park is open during daylight hours for everyone to enjoy year round. The Park's resident caretaker is Al MacBain. There are picnic facilities behind the building, in the pavilion and around the pond. Restrooms are available.

Come and enjoy a hike, walk a dog or just drive in and look at the wonderfully massive Memorial White Pine. When snow is on the ground, you can take a hike on snow shoes or cross country skis. In the evening year round one may hear the call of the Barred Owl. In the spring hear wood frogs, followed later by the peepers and finally the bull frogs. Watch for turtles and all sorts of pollywogs (frog and salamander) in the pond. Listen for chickadees calling throughout the year. Look closely in early June and you may find a pink ladyslipper in bloom. There are many things to enjoy at our park.

Tanya Tellman, Chair

BETHLEHEM HERITAGE SOCIETY (BHS) 2007

- January: Officers were elected: Lana Tibbetts, Clare Brown, Carole Hammarberg, Florence Houghton, Paul Hudson, John Stevenson and Joyce Tucker
Ongoing cemetery research at the center
NH Chronicle interviews Clare Brown at the museum for a program about the Nutshell Studies of Unexplained Death
- February: "Neighbor to Neighbor" dinner benefit fundraiser at the Sunset Hill House, NH
- March: Bake Sale Fundraiser on Election Day
- April: Conservation License Plate Grant submitted for \$10,000.00 for Mt. Washington Cemetery project
- May: Museum spring clean up day
- June: BES 3rd and 4th graders visited the museum for a Town history program
Mt. Washington cemetery Golf Scramble fundraiser
Gazebo Concert 50/50 raffle ongoing by Heritage Volunteers
Ivy Memorial Church window plaques that were donated to the BHS last year now on display in the museum
- July: Hosted 2 Humanities Alliance Counsel programs
Town Founding in NH – The Special Case of Bethlehem
NH Cemeteries & Gravestones
Gardens at the center continue to be taken care of by the Garden Angels
Notification that Conservation License Plate Grant was award to BHS
- August: Bake sale fundraiser at the Rocks Estate's auction
Annual meeting at Bethlehem CC
- September: Yard and food sale fundraiser
Remaining stones in the Mt. Washington cemetery cleaned and reset.
Strapping will begin next spring
- October: Final brick order completed and bricks placed
- November: Decorated Memory Trees and Heritage center and museum
- December: December 1st and 8th, Open House with Santa - 80 children visited
Pictures taken with Santa
Bethlehem history, Past and Present slide shows
December 8th, Memory Tress/Veteran Tree Ceremony
First payment from Conservation License Plate Grant received

Requests for information on the history of Bethlehem and genealogy requests have increased over the year. Our newsletter is sent out every other month, to our 225 members throughout the country. The BHS is proud and honored by the dedication and hard work of its members. In addition, we appreciate the support from the Town of Bethlehem. We continue to generate pride in our past, confidence in our present and hope for our future.

Respectfully,
Lana Tibbetts, President

BETHLEHEM CEMETERY COMMITTEE

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

As in past years, the Bethlehem Cemetery Committee met on a regular schedule in 2007. Paul Hudson continues his role as Chairman while Ernie Ferland, Dave Pilotte, John Keller, and Dick Robie attend all meetings. Some of the activities in 2007 included the removal of the house between the cemetery and Route 142 that was purchased by the voters two years at Town Meeting. Some of the building was removed by Craig Stebbins who hopes to rebuild it at another location in Bethlehem. It is our hope that this will reappear on the Bethlehem tax roles. The remaining part of the house and the garage, which had fallen in, were removed by Ronnie Marvin Enterprises at no cost to the Town. We wish to thank Rod and Judy Marvin for making this possible. Roll-off containers were supplied by Casella Waste Systems Inc. and the disposal was taken care of by NCES on the Trudeau Road. So, again, we thank them for the excellent cooperation.

The hope for the future is to make the house lot a main entrance to our cemetery. Bethlehem's cemeteries are in great condition all during summer months thanks to Dave Pilotte and his great grounds crew of Wendy Clark and Barry Bresnahan. Hopefully, the future will continue to give our cemeteries the care that they need and deserve.

Paul Hudson
Ernie Ferland
Dick Robie

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

2007 Annual Report

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS) is a non-profit agency offering a network of affordable primary health care services and information in five sites; Littleton, Warren, Franconia, Whitefield and Woodsville. ACHS emphasizes preventive care and encourages active participation in one's own health. ACHS's programs promote and support the well being of individuals and their families. We provided care in 2007 to 1,096 current Bethlehem residents.

ACHS offers a variety of health care services to the local communities including primary care, maternity care, family planning, and mental health care, which include counseling and drug and alcohol treatments. Providers in Littleton include Dr. Phil Lawson, Dr. Ibrahim Mourad, Dr. Mohammed Tarrabain, Nicole Veilleux, ARNP, Jessica Thibodeau, ARNP, Stephen Noyes, MSW, LADC, and contract providers Dr. John Sauter and Dr. Nick Marks. We also provide WIC/CSFP nutrition services to 755 residents, and have three home visiting programs; two which work with young parents, and one for families with chronically ill children. We provide dental vouchers for 100 patients who cannot access oral health care and work closely with LRH to assist 445 children at Christmas time.

Patients who do not have insurance and qualify for the HRSA funded sliding fee program receive quality health care at affordable prices. Total savings for those patients in Littleton site was \$186, 637 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. ACHS also has a drug formulary program to provide qualifying patients with affordable prescription medication. The staff at ACHS diligently works to assist patients with applications for the pharmacy assistance program. In calendar year 2007 ACHS provided community residents with \$181,689 in free prescription medication, which is an increase from calendar year 2006.

The staff at ACHS would like to thank the town, and the many organizations and community members who have supported the health center through out the past year. Your generous contributions and commitments of time and money are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Norrine Williams
Executive Director

WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND 2007 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As you sit on those folding chairs or bleachers at Town Meeting and listen to the Warrant Articles being discussed, you may wonder how the money you appropriate to White Mountain Mental Health/Common Ground is used in your Town. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, about what is done with this funding.

First, in general terms: the impact of your support is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, in elders who are able to stay independent and productive and in families with a developmentally disabled member who are able to move forward with their own lives, knowing that there is support outside of the family circle for their loved one. People who receive life-saving medical services are eager to tell their friends and family about the success of their care. You have seen "cards of thanks" in the local papers, naming the physicians, nurses, family and friends who came to the aid of a grateful patient. These thanks are well deserved! But...have you ever seen a similar tribute to mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability professionals who saved a life by being available to intervene in a life-threatening crisis of a different type? Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often kept private. Having diabetes is much more acceptable than having schizophrenia, although both are chronic illnesses that can be managed through treatment, lifestyle education and support. We still struggle with the stigma attached to both behavioral health and developmental disability, but who among us has not been impacted by one or both?

Support for our services is an investment in the health and productivity of your Town. In the North Country, unlike many parts of the State and Country, services continue to be available to ALL residents, not just those who can pay or those with a severe, biologic mental illness. This is because our Towns and other supporters have recognized that unaddressed mental health and developmental issues have a tremendous negative "ripple effect" on the family, the economy and the whole community.

Although it is impossible to list all that we do, our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties
- Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- "Full-life" supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services
- Individualized home placements for more than fifty persons with developmental disabilities
- Life-enriching jobs and social connections for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities

- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

Service Statistics Highlights:

- In 2007, 81 residents of the town of Bethlehem received 630¼ hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate. Our ability to continue to offer these services on a sliding-fee scale is dependent upon the support of our communities.
- 100 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability. In many cases, the supports include “full-life” around the clock services.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane C. Mackay, LICSW
Area Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2007, 102 older residents of Bethlehem were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Bethlehem enjoyed 1,064 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Littleton center's dining room.
- They received 4,036 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Bethlehem residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 923 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 101 visits with a trained social worker.
- Bethlehem's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,192.75 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Bethlehem residents in 2007 was \$44,077.32.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Bethlehem's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

Statistics for the Town of Bethlehem October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007

During the fiscal year, GCSCC served 102 Bethlehem residents (out of 322 residents over 60, 2000 Census).

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	x	<u>Unit (1) Cost</u>	=	<u>Total Cost of Service</u>
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	5,100	x	6.20		\$31,620.00
Transportation	Trips	923	x	9.91		9,146.93
Adult Day Service	Hours	10	x	18.04		180.40
Social Services	Half Hours	101	x	30.99		3,129.99
Chore Assistance		3		N/A		
Activities		229		N/A		

Number of Bethlehem volunteers: 9 Number of Volunteer Hours: 1,192.75

GCSCC cost to provide services for Bethlehem residents only	<u>\$44,077.32</u>
Request for Senior Services for 2007	3,500.00
Received from Town of Bethlehem for 2007	3,500.00
Request for Senior Services for 2008	<u>3,500.00</u>

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 56%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Contributions 8%; In-kind donations 16%; Friends of GCSCC 7%; Other 2%.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

Date & Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father & Name of Mother
March 16, 2007 Littleton, NH	Joshua Javier Roman	Roman Gonzalez, Carlos Cloutier, Sara
April 4, 2007 Littleton, NH	Mercedes Ann Moody	Moody, Brandon Rainault, Amanda
April 10, 2007 Littleton, NH	Christian Steven Soto Leslie	Leslie, Melinda Soto, Francisco
April 30, 2007 Littleton, NH	Alexis Chie Cloutier	Cloutier, Chris Aldrich, Joanna
May 7, 2007 Littleton, NH	Kimberly Ashlee Williams	Williams, Christoper Doucette Williams, Sandra
June 2, 2007 Littleton, NH	Alexis Marie Patneaude	Bolduc, John Patneaude, Kerbi Lynn
August 7, 2007 Littleton, NH	Lilly Mae Walker	Walker, Wayne Winget, Stephanie
August 16, 2007 Littleton, NH	James Devon Ridley	Ridley, Kristopher Reardon, Tanya
August 25, 2007 Littleton, NH	Kentin Paul Girard	Mardin, Nicole
September 23, 2007 Littleton, NH	Clare Morgan Tuohy	Tuohy, Matthew Tuohy, Amy
September 25, 2007 Littleton, NH	Owen David Snow	Snow, Nathaniel Snow, Amy
October 8, 2007 Littleton, NH	Keyan Kenneth Shaw	Shaw, Kenneth Shaw, Christina
November 2, 2007 Littleton, NH	Adaline Harper Mckenzie Proulx	Proulx, Chad Mckenzie Proulz, Jessica
December 23, 2007 Littleton, NH	Mica Heintz Ritter	Ritter, Michael Heintz, Ruth

December 25, 2007
Littleton, NH

Lilian Rose Tendler

Tendler, Anthony
Murphy, Samantha

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Casey Bonilla,
Intrem Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
April 5, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Shaun A. Libby Tanya M. Trask	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
April 28, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Ryan M. Gauthier Jennifer L. Corey	Bethlehem, NH Littleton, NH
May 6, 2007 Portsmouth, NH	Jason M. Whitcher Jennifer R. Williams	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
May 9, 2007 Littleton, NH	Simon L. Hokayem Pamela A. Parker	Bethlehem, NH
June 2, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	William Lasko J. Vera A. Bryzgina	Littleton, NH
June 9, 2007 Randolph, NH	Daniel B. Penney Elizabeth A. Ward	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
June 16, 2007 Sugar Hill, NH	Mark T. Vermeal Rachel B. Tardelli	Bethlehem, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 16, 2007 Franconia, NH	Chad M. Proulx Jessica C. Mckenzie	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
June 22, 2007 Lincoln, NH	Daniel B. Berry Teresa A. Guilmet	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
June 30, 2007 Littleton, NH	Gregory K. Taylor Stephanie L. Lassen	Littleton, NH Bethlehem, NH

June 30, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Aaron Cockrell Melissa r. Elander	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
July 10, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Nicholas Desouza Kayleen M. Yocom	Bethlehem, NH S. Portland, ME
August 4, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Samuel F. Brown Jennifer A. Johnson	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
August 12, 2007 Franconia, NH	Nicholas C. Pugmire Kelly M. Skellenger	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
September 8, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Stephen Dignazio Mary E. Russell	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
September 15, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Robert K. Morrisette Marian A. Grover	New London, NH Bethlehem, NH
September 22, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Stephen B. Cloutier Ashley R. Fenoff	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
September 23, 2007 Bretton Woods	Francisco B. Soto Melinda J. Leslie	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
Sepember 29, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Jonathan D. Henson Jennifer D. Kezerian	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
October 22, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Philip J. Beroney Hayley A. Watson	Bethlehem, NH Littleton, NH
Nov. 20, 2007 Jackson, NH	Edward Cenerizio Deborah Corey	Lexington, MA Bethlehem, NH
November 24, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	James M. Scott Tamara K. Miller	Bethlehem, NH Bethlehem, NH
December 31, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	James A. Gildden Kathy L Gilman	Jefferson, NH Bethlehem, NH

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Casey Bonilla,
Intrem Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2007**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 1, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Terry Brooks	Arnold Brooks	Bibiane D'Danjou
January 2, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Kirk Bryant	William Bryant	Marjorie Burnham
January 21, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Donald Straw	Archie Straw	Beatrice Aldrich
January 23, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Donald O'Keefe	Francis O'Keefe	Pearl Jock
February 17, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Sarah Straw	Donald Bass	Emma Howland
February 25, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	David Sykes	James Sykes	Mildred Sharples
February 28, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Michael Harper	Harper, Unknown	Dorothy May Pyle
May 22, 2007 Littleton, NH	William Cunningham	G. Cunningham	Olive Bugee
May 28, 2007 Littleton, NH	Dwight Symmes Jr.	Dwight Symmes Sr.	Catherine Burch
June 16, 2007 Littleton, NH	Muriel Brown	William Jobin	Mildred Smith
June 19, 2007 Franconia, NH	Kenneth Clark	Earl Clark	Louise Cobbs
July 10, 2007 N. Haverhill, NH	Warren Gadwah	Leon Gadwah	Gladys McCormick
August 19, 2007 Littleton, NH	Erin Anderson	Unknown	Kimberly Anderson
October 7, 2007 Littleton, NH	Milton Kay	Unknown	Unknown

November 4, 2007 Littleton, NH	Barbara Keller	Peter Kahler	Elva Goulding
November 12, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Wayne Knight	Irving Knight	Olive Mello
November 18, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	William Smalley Jr.	William Smalley Sr.	Mildred Webb
November 27, 2007 Lebanon, NH	Mark Morrison	Ronald Morrison	Barbara Vanorman
December 29, 2007 Bethlehem, NH	Richard Miles	Eugene Miles	Harriet Hopkins

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Casey Bonilla
Interm Town Clerk

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR
BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT**

FINANCIAL REPORT
for the
BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2007

OFFICERS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2009
Term Expires 2010

Richard E. Robie, Sr.
Russell P. Mardin, Jr.
Bruce S. Brown

MODERATOR:

Term Expires 2008

John Robie

PRECINCT CLERK:

Term Expires 2008

Lana J. Tibbetts

TREASURER:

Term Expires 2008

Carol Boucher

WATER & SEWER RENT COLLECTOR

Madeline Caswell

Moderator John Robie called the Annual Meeting of the Bethlehem Village District to order at 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at the Bethlehem Elementary School. Present were Commissioners Bruce Brown, Russell Mardin, Jr. and Richard Robie, Sr.

ARTICLE 1. Commissioner Brown moved to nominate John Robie as Moderator for the ensuing year. Seconded by Muriel Brown. The motion carried and Commissioner Brown moved to have the Clerk cast one ballot for John Robie for Moderator and this was done.

ARTICLE 2. Commissioner Robie moved to nominate Lana Tibbetts as District Clerk for the ensuing year. Seconded by Commissioner Mardin. The motion carried and Commissioner Brown moved to have the Moderator cast one ballot for Lana Tibbetts for District Clerk and this was done.

ARTICLE 3. Commissioner Robie moved to nominate Bruce Brown as Commissioner for a three-year term. Seconded by Walter Tibbetts. The motion carried and Commissioner Robie moved to have the Moderator cast one ballot for Bruce Brown for Commissioner and this was done.

ARTICLE 4. Commissioner Brown moved to nominate Carol Boucher as District Treasurer for the ensuing year. Seconded by Walter Tibbetts. The motion carried and Commissioner Brown moved to have the District Clerk cast one ballot for Carol Boucher for District Treasurer and this was done.

ARTICLE 5. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the report of the Village District, which amounts to the audit. Seconded by Floyd Brown. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6: Moderator John Robie read the Article: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget posted. The sum of Six Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$679,456.00) the budget as posted exclusive of Warrant Articles. Motion made by Commissioner Robie. Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Commissioner Brown explained the budget, adjustments were added to Acct# 4199, 4711 and 4721, resulting in an amended total of Seven Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$704,550.00). Commissioner Brown made the motion to accept the amended budget. Seconded by Commissioner Mardin.

Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote as amended.

ARTICLE 7: Commissioner Brown made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Mardin, to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Capital Reserve Fund established under the provisions of RSA 35:1, known as the Pick-Up Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.

After small discussion, Article 7 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. Floyd Brown made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Brown to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1996 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:19-a, known as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.

Commissioner Brown proposed and explained the following amendment: "To see if the District will vote to transfer the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the District's surplus Wastewater Funds as of the end of 12/31/2006, to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1996 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 35:1-C, known as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose for repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this Fund." The Commissioners recommend the Article amendment.

After small discussion, Article 8 passed by voice vote as amended.

ARTICLE 9. Commissioner Robie made the motion, Commissioner Brown seconded, to see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1997 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 13:19-a, known as the Water Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the

purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.

Joel Goodell made the motion to delete Article 9, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

After small discussion, Article 9 was deleted by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. Commissioner Brown made the motion, Commissioner Robie seconded, to see if the District will vote to purchase a tractor and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for this purpose. The Commissioners recommend the Appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Commissioner Brown proposed to amend Article 10 as follows: "To see if the District will vote to purchase a tractor and to transfer Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Sewer Project-Phase III fund for this purpose." The Commissioners recommend this Article as amended.

After small discussion, Article 10 was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. Moderator Robie asked for any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Commissioner Brown introduced Steve LaFrance (Horizons Engineering) and Terry Welch (Welch's Waste Water) to explain the results of the Bethlehem Village District's (BVD) water results over the past 12 months (the latest tests passed well below the acceptable limits). Steve further explained how the BVD is working with the State to resolve the Trihalomethane problem.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Floyd Brown. Motion to adjourn passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lana J. Tibbetts
District Clerk

BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT PROPOSED ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Bethlehem Village District, in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in the District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Bethlehem Elementary School in said Bethlehem on Friday, the Fourteenth day of March, in the year Two Thousand and Eight, next at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To choose a Commissioner for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To hear reports of Officers and take any action relating thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes specified in the budget posted. The sum of Seven Hundred Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$744,675.00) the budget as posted exclusive of Warrant Articles.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Capital Reserve Fund established under the provisions of RSA 35:1, known as the Pick-Up Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to add to the Expendable Trust Fund created at the 1996 Annual Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, known as the Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining treatment plant equipment and to appoint the Commissioners as Agents to expend from this Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to purchase Flow Meters and authorize the withdrawal of a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund known as the H2O Maintenance Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to purchase Lab Equipment and authorize the withdrawal of a sum not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund known as the Wastewater Maintenance Fund. The Commissioners recommend this Appropriation. (Majority Vote Required.)

ARTICLE 11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Commissioners: Bruce S. Brown, Richard E. Robie, Sr. and Russell P. Mardin, Jr.

BUDGET OF THE BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2007	Actual 2007	Estimated 2008
From State:			
Shared Revenue	\$ 473.00	\$ 472.54	\$ 473.00
Water Pollution Grants	19,416.00	19,416.00	19,416.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	480,000.00	477,826.68	480,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Accounts	300.00	515.32	515.32
Phase III Sewer	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Sale of District Property	<u>0.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$520,189.00	\$519,030.74	\$500,404.32

PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE **BETHLEHEM VILLAGE DISTRICT** **EXPENDITURES**

Purposes Of Expenditures	Warrant Article Number	Appro. 2007	Expend. 2007	Appro. 2008
General Government:				
Executive	6	\$ 7,512.00	\$ 7,153.36	\$ 7,512.00
Financial Administration	6	60,000.00	39,217.62	55,700.00
Legal Expenses	6	1,500.00	441.28	3,000.00
Insurance-PLT	6	2,970.00	3,805.11	3,900.00
Audit	6	4,800.00	4,000.00	8,900.00
Highways and Streets:				
Streets & Sidewalks	6	22,000.00	24,912.81	25,000.00
Sanitation:				
Solid Waste Collection	6	55,654.00	48,320.16	55,654.00
Recycling	6	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00
Sewerage Treatment	6	90,000.00	87,899.74	82,650.00
Sewerage Services	6	52,000.00	52,437.13	58,344.00
Sewer New Construction	6	50,000.00	50,145.00	52,000.00
Water Distribution & Treatment:				
Water Services	6	174,000.00	151,726.81	174,829.00
Water Treatment	6	46,000.00	42,952.77	54,665.00
Water New Construction	6	40,000.00	18,478.22	80,000.00
Debt Service:				
Principal Long-Term				
Bonds & Notes	6	51,957.00	28,321.96	29,756.00
Interest Long-Term				
Bonds & Notes	6	38,358.00	36,398.04	34,965.00
Capital Outlay: Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
- Tractor	10	20,000.00	19,300.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out:				
To Capital Reserve Fund				
- Pick-Up	7	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
To Expendable Trust Fund				
- Sewer Plant	8	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
To Expendable Trust Fund				
- Water Plant	9	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended		\$734,551.00	\$633,310.01	\$744,675.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Approp.	Expend.	Balance & Overdraft*
General Fund:			
Executive	\$ 7,512.00	\$ 7,153.36	\$ 358.64
Financial Administration	60,000.00	39,217.62	20,782.38
Legal Expenses	1,500.00	441.28	1,058.72
Insurance-PLT	2,970.00	3,805.11	835.11*
Audit	4,800.00	4,000.00	800.00
Streets & Sidewalks	22,000.00	24,912.81	2,912.81*
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	20,000.00	19,300.00	700.00
Late Fees	0.00	60.00	60.00*
Solid Waste Collection & Recycling	<u>63,454.00</u>	<u>56,120.16</u>	<u>7,333.84</u>
Total General Fund	182,236.00	155,010.34	27,225.66
Sewer Fund:			
Sewerage Treatment Plant	90,000.00	87,899.74	2,100.26
Sewerage Department Expenses	52,000.00	52,437.13	437.13*
New Construction	50,000.00	50,145.00	145.00*
Principal-Long Term Debt	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
Interest-Long Term Debt	595.00	0.00	595.00
Expendable Trust Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Capital Reserve Fund (Pick-Up)	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Sewer Fund	225,095.00	197,981.87	27,113.13
Water Fund:			
Water Treatment Plant	46,000.00	42,952.77	3,047.23
Water Department Expenses	174,000.00	151,726.81	22,273.19
New Construction	40,000.00	18,478.22	21,521.78
Principal-Long Term Debt	26,957.00	28,321.96	1,364.96*
Interest-Long Term Debt	37,763.00	36,398.04	1,364.96
Capital Reserve Fund (Pick-Up)	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Water Fund	327,220.00	280,377.80	46,842.20
Total All Funds	\$734,551.00	\$633,370.01	\$101,180.99

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
Property Taxes	\$210,854.00
Shared Revenue	472.54
Interest on Accounts (less bank charges & fees)	515.32
Insurance Claims and Refunds	0.00
Recycling Refund (North Country Environmental Services)	0.00
Sale of District Property	800.00
Miscellaneous	177.63
State of NH Filtration Grant	19,416.00
Water Supply System Charges	292,471.92
Water Charges Interest and Fees	129.10
Water Connect Fees	2,000.00
Water Meters and Accessories	0.00
Water Miscellaneous	3,315.40
Sewer Users Charges	175,890.26
Sewer Rent Interest and Fees	20.00
Sewer Connect Fees	4,000.00
State Guaranteed Loan (Phase III)	20,000.00
Total Current Revenue	730,062.17
Balance January 1, 2007	<u>141,844.99</u>
Total	871,907.16
Total Expenditures	<u>633,370.01</u>
Balance December 31, 2007	\$238,537.15

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

GENERAL FUND

1. Executive		
Appropriations		\$ 7,512.00
Expenditures		
Salaries	\$ 6,645.00	
FICA/MEDI	<u>508.36</u>	<u>7,153.36</u>
Balance		358.64
2. Financial Administration		
Appropriations		60,000.00
Expenditures		
Bank Fees	5.00	
Education & Travel	313.39	
Office Equipment	2,978.40	
Salaries	13,374.25	
FICA/MEDI	1,023.19	
Workers Compensation	25.00	
Health Insurance	8,024.18	
Officers' Expenses	10,216.23	
Office Supplies	1,692.86	
Telephone	168.10	
Dues, Subscriptions, Ads and Notices	1,317.23	
Petty Cash	<u>79.79</u>	<u>39,217.62</u>
Balance		20,782.38
3. Legal Expenses		
Appropriations		1,500.00
Expenditures		<u>441.28</u>
Balance		1,058.72
4. Insurance-PLT		
Appropriation		2,970.00
Expenditures		<u>3,805.11</u>
Overdraft		835.11*
5. CPA Audit		
Appropriations		4,800.00
Expenditures		<u>4,000.00</u>
Balance		800.00
6. Streets & Sidewalks		
Appropriations		22,000.00
Expenditures		

Sidewalk Maintenance	24,820.63	
Sidewalk FICA/MEDI	<u>92.18</u>	<u>24,912.81</u>
Overdraft		2,912.81*
7. Solid Waste Collection		
Appropriations		63,454.00
Expenditures		
Curbside Collection	48,320.16	
Recycling	<u>7,800.00</u>	<u>56,120.16</u>
Balance		7,333.84
8. Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment		
Appropriations		20,000.00
Expenditures		<u>19,300.00</u>
Balance		700.00
9. Late Fees		
Appropriations		0.00
Expenditures		<u>60.00</u>
Overdraft		60.00*
Total General Fund		
Appropriations		182,236.00
Expenditures		<u>155,010.34</u>
Balance		27,225.66

SEWER FUND

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant		
Appropriations		\$90,000.00
Expenditures		
Operational Contract	\$35,000.04	
Lab Supplies	3,732.00	
Waste Management	742.50	
Electricity	22,703.10	
Fuel Oil & Maintenance	8,395.46	
Cleaning Supplies	221.04	
Boiler Inspection	0.00	
Alarm System Test/Calibration	250.00	
General Maintenance	4,190.27	
HCI Gas & Rental	1,253.55	
Capital Improvements	1,103.81	
Lagoon System Upgrade	7,800.00	
Chlorine	1,226.82	
Scott Air/Fire Extinguishing	531.15	
Dam Registration	<u>750.00</u>	<u>87,899.74</u>
Balance		2,100.26

2.	Sewer Department Expenses		
	Appropriations		52,000.00
	Expenditures		
	Salaries	23,507.96	
	FICA/MEDI	1,819.24	
	Education & Travel	218.25	
	Workers Compensation	0.00	
	Health Insurance	8,331.39	
	Unemployment Compensation	0.00	
	Sewer Line Install, Maintenance & Repair	790.00	
	Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	341.73	
	Equipment Rental	0.00	
	Gasoline	1,053.98	
	Chemicals	0.00	
	Supplies	514.07	
	Machinery & Vehicles	53.49	
	Refunds & Reimbursements	0.00	
	Sewer Maintenance	14,294.39	
	Safety Clothing & Equipment	355.33	
	Communications Expense	1,022.40	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>134.90</u>	<u>52,437.13</u>
	Overdraft		437.13*
3.	New Construction		
	Appropriations		50,000.00
	Expenditures		<u>50,145.00</u>
	Overdraft		145.00*
4.	Principal - Long Term Debt		
	Appropriations		25,000.00
	Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
	Balance		25,000.00
5.	Interest - Long Term Debt		
	Appropriations		595.00
	Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
	Balance		595.00
6.	Capital Reserve Fund - Pick-Up		
	Appropriations		2,500.00
	Expenditures		<u>2,500.00</u>
	No Balance		0.00
7.	Expendable Trust Fund		
	Appropriations		5,000.00
	Expenditures		<u>5,000.00</u>
	No Balance		0.00

Total Sewer Fund	
Appropriations	\$225,095.00
Expenditures	<u>197,981.87</u>
Balance	\$ 27,113.13

WATER FUND

1. Water Department Expenses	
Appropriations	\$174,000.00
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$57,540.88
FICA/MEDI	4,312.19
Workers Compensation	342.00
Unemployment Compensation	0.00
Health Insurance	24,994.24
Engineering Services	250.28
Waterline Install/Main/Repair	131.88
Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	746.69
Gasoline	3,165.01
Communications Expense	2,483.71
Supplies	1,456.49
Water Testing	250.00
Machinery & Vehicles	160.46
Water Stock On Hand	29.70
Refunds & Reimbursements	56.80
General Maintenance	53,551.04
Education & Travel	1,258.09
Safety Clothing & Equipment	368.06
Miller's Run Problem	122.33
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>506.96</u>
	<u>151,726.81</u>
Balance	22,273.19
2. Water Treatment Plant	
Appropriations	46,000.00
Expenditures	
Operator	12,754.92
Electricity	2,504.99
Fuel (Propane)	7,779.34
Capital Improvements	199.99
Chemicals	5,841.43
Supplies	618.02
Water Testing	6,513.00
Telephone	539.60
Equipment Repair	114.54
General Maintenance	<u>6,086.94</u>
	<u>42,952.77</u>
Balance	3,047.23
3. New Construction	
Appropriations	40,000.00

Expenditures	<u>18,478.22</u>
Balance	21,521.78
4. Principal - Long Term Debt	
Appropriations	26,957.00
Expenditures	<u>28,321.96</u>
Overdraft	1,364.96*
5. Interest - Long Term Debt	
Appropriations	37,763.00
Expenditures	<u>36,398.04</u>
Balance	1,364.96
6. Capital Reserve Fund - Pick-Up	
Appropriations	2,500.00
Expenditures	<u>2,500.00</u>
No Balance	0.00
Total Water Fund	
Appropriations	\$327,220.00
Expenditures	<u>280,377.80</u>
Balance	\$ 46,842.20
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
Appropriations	\$734,551.00
Expenditures	<u>633,370.01</u>
Balance	\$ 101,180.99

Rural Development

Payment Date	Loan Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Total Payment
04/27/07	\$740,854.38	\$13,986.15	\$18,373.85	\$32,360.00
10/12/07	\$712,284.60	<u>\$14,335.81</u>	<u>\$18,024.19</u>	<u>32,360.00</u>
Totals		\$28,321.96	\$36,398.04	\$64,720.00

*NHPIP

January 1, 2007 Balance	\$81,792.96
Withdrawals	\$20,000.00
Income Earned and Reinvested	<u>3,396.65</u>
December 31, 2006 Balance	\$65,189.61

*New Hampshire Public Investment Pool

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BETHLEHEM TOWN DIRECTORY

Government – Telephone Numbers

Selectmen’s Office	869-3351
Planning & Zoning Office	869-2042
Tax Collector’s Office.....	869-3133
Town Clerk’s Office.....	869-2293
Police Department (Business Phone Only)	869-5811
Police Fax.....	869-3342
Fire Department.....	869-5822
Highway Department	869-2212
Library.....	869-2409
Animal Control Officer	
Bethlehem Village District.....	869-3440
Health & Code Enforcement Officer.....	802-356-5064 (cell)
Email	tobeth@adelphia.net

Government – Business Hours

Selectmen’s Office

Monday through Thursday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am to Noon
BOS Meeting every Monday @ 7:00 pm	

Planning & Zoning Office

Monday through Thursday	8:00 am to Noon
P&Z Meetings (when needed)	

Tax Collector’s Office

Monday	4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday	1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
1 st Saturday of each Month	9:00 am to 11:00 am

Town Clerk’s Office

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday	4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday.....	9:00 am to 11:00 am

Library

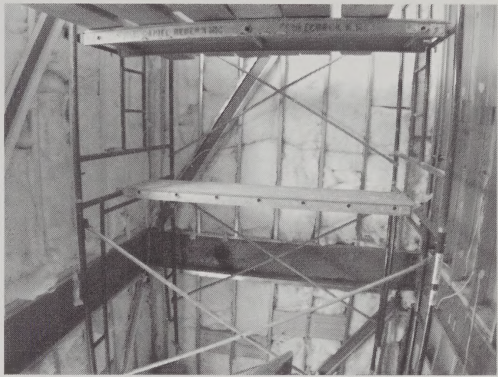
Monday	1:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Thursday	1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am to 1:00 pm	Friday.....	1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Wednesday	1:00 am to 4:30 pm	Saturday	9:00 am to Noon

Bethlehem Village District

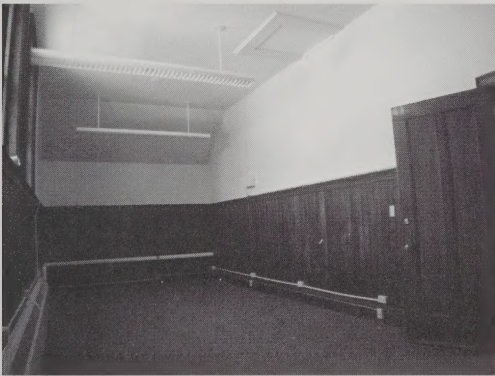
Tuesday & Thursday (Office)	8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday through Friday (Maintenance).....	7:00 am to 3:30 pm
Commissioners Meeting 2 nd Tuesday each Month.....	8:00 pm



The tower is sealed from the outside and heated. April 13, 2007



The inside of the elevator shaft is insulated. May 6, 2007



The Town Clerks office is renovated. February 26, 2007



The Select/Planning Boards and Tax Collectors Offices are rehabbed. May 6, 2007



The exterior brick and soffit work is completed. May 6, 2007



The front stairs are reset and a drainage system installed. May 23, 2007

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